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## 'I'M SORRY'

**Prime Minister Stephen Harper takes part in a press conference in Lima, Peru, on Wednesday. Harper apologized for the expense scandal, insisting that he learned about his right-hand man bailing out an embattled Conservative senator in much the same way as other Canadians did: by seeing it on the news. "Obviously, I am very sorry that this has occurred," Harper said. Story, page 18.**

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# Top CBE executive comes under fire

**Expenses.** Chief superintendent racks up $2,000 in mobile fees in two months

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Calgary's top public school official is facing heated criticism from a taxpayer watchdog group after thousands were spent to attend an international conference and work electronically abroad.

Calgary Board of Education Chief Supt. Naomi Johnson and office director Ronna Mosher spent nearly $10,000 to attend the International Conference on Thinking in Wellington, New Zealand, in January.

Johnson also logged nearly $2,000 in fees to operate a cellphone and tablet computer over the first two months of 2013, according to expense documents released by the CBE Tuesday.

A description of the Wellington conference on its website describes it as a "Fascinating 5-day conference to expand global thinking around the themes of 'future survival,' 'personal futures' and 'future society.'"

But Derek Fildebrandt of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, who had already reviewed the expenses when reached Wednesday, doesn't see the value of Johnson and Mosher attending the conference.

He deemed the expenses accrued "comical" and noted they come at a time when other Alberta public-sector employees are tightening their belts.

The CBE has already announced plans to cut high-school per-student funding by 11 per cent after original promises of two-per-cent increases to student-base grants fell through in the March provincial budget.

"This is money that's not going towards students because it was allocated towards a junket," Fildebrandt said. "This looks like a taxpayer-funded vacation."

On Wednesday, in response to requests for comment on the expense, the CBE provided a September submission from Johnson detailing her rationale for attending the conference.

"This conference links directly to our core purpose of student learning," Johnson wrote. "The CBE's mission is being realized through a focus on personalizing learning for each student, every day, no exceptions."

Johnson, who earns more than $360,000 annually in salary and benefits, has also pledged to pay back a portion of a $1,131.95 monthly service bill for her tablet computer that spokesperson Megan Geyer said was racked up while abroad.

"Her tablet computer is what she used to stay connected to our system, and she worked from it," Geyer said, before chalking up the bill to an "oversight."

Johnson also met with members of a group called CORE Education as well Maori leaders and members of the New Zealand Ministry of Education, CBE officials said Wednesday.

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## Rockyview. Nurses, aides, beds get the axe

Health officials will lay off more than 30 nurses and aides at Calgary's Rockyview General Hospital and close one-third of its transitional beds.

Officials with the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees were quick to sound alarms over the decision, which surfaced Wednesday, but Nancy Guebert, hospital vice-president, said it's in line with a push to provide more community-based care to seniors, who would typically rely on the 30 beds slated for closure.

"This is good for the patients to be able to support them in this way," she said.

But Susan Slade, AUPE vice-president, said the situation appears similar to one at Edmonton's Royal Alexandra Hospital in February that saw 40 positions lost.

"We're just closing more and more and we're not adding any in," Slade said. "It's ridiculous."

Slade pointed to the last quarterly report from Alberta Health Services, which found 436 patients in the province were waiting in hospital for continuing-care spaces and nearly 800 more were waiting in the community, as proof closures in Calgary and Edmonton are unjustified.

Guebert said her hospital would be working closely with union representatives to explore other employment avenues for the people losing their jobs at Rockyview.

Earlier this month, 21 registered nurses working in Calgary home care and another 19 chronic-disease management nurses received job elimination notices.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Area residents talk with city officials about the proposed Anderson Station redevelopment at an open house hosted at Southcentre Mall Wednesday. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

# Anderson Station revamp 'wrong'

**Four development plans proposed.** Possible designs for 20-acres of city-owned land had longtime residents fuming

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A major redevelopment around Anderson Station had area residents talking — and some fuming — on Wednesday, as the city sought feedback before moving ahead with design plans.

"All of these, in my opinion, are wrong. They should never happen," said Southwood resident Ron Champagne after looking over four development proposals for a 20-acre parcel of city-owned land during an open house hosted at Southcentre Mall.

After living in the area for about 50 years, Champagne said he would move away if the city goes ahead with any of the proposals, as they stand, which he figured would introduce too many people into too small of an area.

"You're going to have a bunch of bad stuff in there," he said.

Paul Edney, who's lived in the area for about 20 years, had a different point of view.

"You know that old expression: 'They paved paradise and put up a parking lot?'" he said. "Well, this is kind of the opposite. I think it's a good thing to take away a parking lot and put up some of the concepts, the ideas that are here."

Parking would indeed be reduced, from about 1,700 spaces at the current LRT Park and Ride down to about 500, said Chris Jurewicz, a communications strategist with the city.

That was one of the main concerns for area resident Jerry Kreizer.

"I don't think it's well planned," he said. "I think they've got to develop more parking and they've got to put fewer people in there."

**Continuing to get feedback**

**Land manager John Potts said the city will continue gathering public feedback before refining the design and then coming back to the public for more feedback in November.**

- In mid-to-late 2014, more specific design plans will go to city council for further discussion, he said.
- Potts said the city's aim is to have plans approved in 2015 and be in a position to start construction in late 2015 or 2016.

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# Parkade cameras nab 726 scofflaws in first month

**Compliance.** Evading payment impossible now at downtown Centennial lot

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Hundreds of motorists leaving their rides in a downtown Calgary parkade are quickly finding out they will pay — one way or another.

In April, the Calgary Parking Authority launched its "virtual gate" pilot project in its Centennial lot, located at 9th Avenue and 6th Street S.W. The setup sees cameras installed at lot entry points that record the licence plate of every vehicle heading in and out.

Those images are then cross-referenced with who paid using the city's automated ParkPlus system. Payment evaders are then sent a ticket in the mail, authority general manager Troy McLeod said.

In its first month of operation, the cameras caught 726 scofflaws. That's up from 205 during the same period in 2012 while using the old practice of having authority vehicles with cameras installed on them routinely patrol the Centennial lot.

"We expect the increase (in violations) to be short-lived because people that have been evading will realize they're no longer able to do that," McLeod said. "Ultimately, we want as many of those spots in the downtown free for those who are wanting to use the space legitimately."

The cameras will now be set up at other lots, starting with City Centre in early August and likely the James Short and McDougall locations by year's end, McLeod added.

Ald. John Mar said he supports the project.

"It's like shoplifting," he said. "Everybody needs to comply to keep the prices down for all Calgarians."

McLeod noted that overall compliance in the Centennial parkade is good, as 43,649 licence plates were recorded in April. That means only about 1.7 per cent of motorists avoided payment.

**Calgary Parking Authority**

**5,525**

There are 5,525 parkade stalls spread out across seven facilities in the downtown core. General manager Troy McLeod said enforcement cameras will eventually be installed in all but one of those locations.

This camera system at Calgary's downtown Centennial parkade records the licence plates of thousands of vehicles heading in and out every day to determine who did and didn't pay. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

# No rumbles in the school jungle, but lots of signs

Council is working on eight ways of getting driver attention. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

Calgary will press ahead with new methods for making drivers more aware of school and playground zones, but rumble strips will not be among them.

The city's transportation committee voted Wednesday in favour of a plan to introduce eight new ways of getting drivers' attention in the low-speed zones on a trial basis.

But the use of rumble strips — an idea first floated by Ald. Jim Stevenson, whose motion at city council last year prompted the plan — is off the table.

Commonly used on highways, the strips are too noisy within city limits and often end up ineffective in the winter when they get packed with snow, according to city staff.

Traffic engineer Greg Iwaskow said the city looked at the potential for smaller rumble strips, but found those ineffective too, and Stevenson was OK with giving up on the idea.

Instead, the city will try using a variety of other devices, including reflective tape on school/playground zone sign poles, larger signs, more signs, "Zone Ahead" signs, road-marking stencils, and traffic cones with reflective, spinning, wind-driven tops.

Despite concerns from Ald. Gord Lowe, the committee ultimately supported the plan, which will next go to a full meeting of council for approval. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

**Is it enough?**

**Ald. Gord Lowe questioned whether the city needed to take a deeper look at the problem of road safety in areas that children frequent instead of testing out "Band-Aid" solutions.**

- "We seem to be dealing with the symptoms of the issue here rather than dealing with the problem."

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# Liam, Emma the top names in baby-booming Alberta

**Annual list.** Province tallied a record 52,398 babies last year

HEATHER MCINTYRE
Metro in Edmonton

Shauna Roughley has never met a Callum — other than her three-and-a-half-month-old son.

"My husband is English, and he wanted a really British name," Roughley said.

The new mom was at Gymboree on Edmonton's south side on Wednesday, as the province announced the most popular baby names for 2012.

Just how popular Callum will prove to be in 2013 is yet to be determined, but last year Liam was the most popular boys' name for the third year in a row, while Emma was the top choice for girls after being third in 2011.

And there were a lot of each of them, since 52,398 babies were delivered in Alberta last year, a record number.

"Albertans are having a lot of babies," Service Alberta Minister Manmeet Bhullar said. "This is like a mini baby boom. This is really significant."

Of the 27,030 boys and 25,368 girls born in 2012, about 18,000 were born in Calgary, 15,000 in Edmonton and the rest elsewhere in the province.

"Really, these numbers are no surprise," Bhullar said, noting more than 60,000 people moved to Alberta last year.

While Liam and Emma have been consistently at the top, bolder and more unusual names seem to be surfacing, Bhullar said.

Some of the 13,000 distinct names registered in 2012 include Rhaney-Day, Thunderbolt, Hendrix, and Brave and Beautiful, which show Alberta's "flair for creativity," Bhullar said.

"It seems people are becoming more and more open to having names that are unique, one-of-a-kind or may mean something special."

Many seem to be inspired by music, spirituality, nature and even places, such as Cairo, Boston, Rio, Alabama, Jersey, Germany — and even Alberta.

"Of course, little Alberta, we place our full faith in you," Bhullar said with a laugh.

Service Alberta Minister Manmeet Bhullar spends time with children at Gymboree Play & Music in Edmonton on Wednesday, after announcing the most popular baby names in the province for 2012. HEATHER MCINTYRE/METRO IN EDMONTON

**Top 2012 baby names**

**Top 5 boys' names**

- 1. **Liam** (1st in 2011)
- 2. **Ethan** (2nd in 2011)
- 3. **Jacob** (5th in 2011)
- 4. **Logan** (10th in 2011)
- 5. **Mason** (3rd in 2011)

**Top 5 girls' names**

- 1. **Emma** (3rd in 2011)
- 2. **Olivia** (1st in 2011)
- 3. **Emily** (4th in 2011)
- 4. **Sophia** (2nd in 2011)
- 5. **Ava** (5th in 2011)

**Launched on Wednesday**

## *Free app lists Alberta baby names*

Not sure what to name your baby? There's an app for that.

The Government of Alberta has taken the act of naming a newborn baby digital, as it launched an app for iPhone, iPad and Android devices on Wednesday that has more than 81,000 Alberta baby names.

"It's meant to give folks an understanding of what's out there," said Manmeet Bhullar, minister of Service Alberta.

The launch of the Alberta Baby Names app coincided with the annual release on Wednesday of the province's most popular baby names, which revealed one-of-a-kind names and others that Bhullar called "bold" and "unique." The names are compiled through the Vital Statistics branch of Service Alberta.

The app also lets parents know just how popular a name is — or isn't — going back to 1980.

"So if you want to know how many Manmeets — a fine name, if I do say so myself — there were in the last 10 years, you can find out," Bhullar said.

The app, developed in-house, can be downloaded for free.

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# Poetry marks official opening of park plaza

From left: project manager Greg Stewart, Ald. John Mar, Mexican consul general Fernando Villar and city parks director Anne Charlton open Poetic Park Plaza with a ribbon-cutting Wednesday afternoon. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

**Under budget.** Park cost less than the initially estimated $700K to build: Project manager

Calgary's newest park officially opened Wednesday with an interactive poetry event, an activity reflective of its name.

Dubbed "Poetic Park Plaza," the new urban green space stands on a previously empty site near the foot of the Louise Bridge, at the corner of 4 Avenue and 9 Street S.W.

"This little park that we're standing in is a symbol of Calgary," Ald. John Mar said. "It's a symbol of our cultures merging. It's a symbol of the crossroads of an emerging city — once a little bit of dirt, now it's transformed into something wonderful."

The park is located in front of the Avatamsaka Buddhist monastery, members of which participated in the opening ceremony. Citizens were also invited to share their feelings about the space through poetry.

The city's stated goal in building the 50-by-100-foot park was "to create an urban plaza with a unique identity and sense of place" that could be used as a meeting place, or a quiet spot to read, have lunch or simply relax and reflect.

"I think a little bit of serenity in this busy place is something we'll all appreciate," said city parks director Anne Charlton.

The park's amenities include seating areas, canopy trees, interpretive signs and two towering sculptures of long-legged insects.

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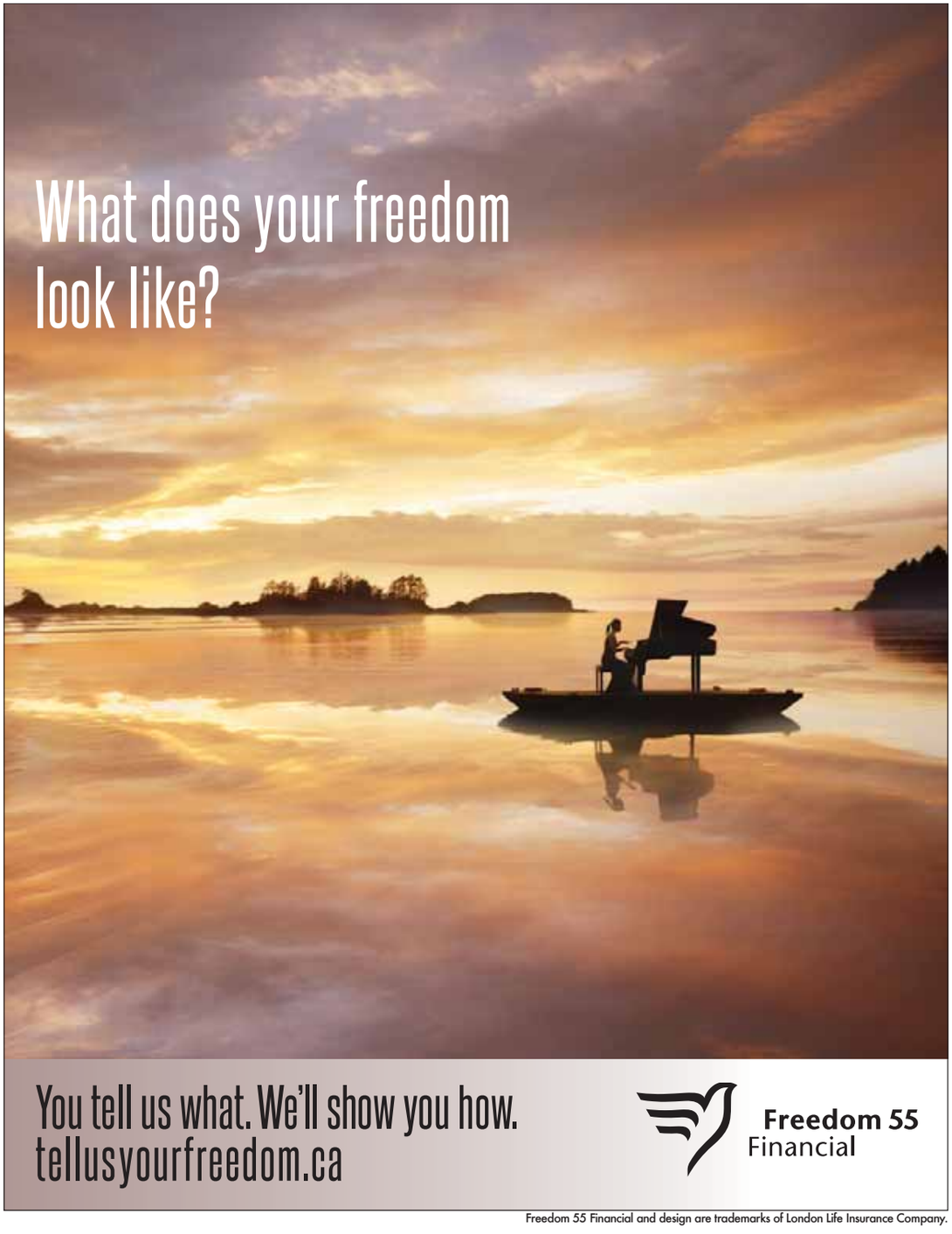

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Sheriffs stand guard as police respond to a report of a hostage-taking at the Edmonton courthouse on Wednesday. The situation was resolved quickly and no one was hurt. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Prisoner holds cellmate hostage for 2 hours

A prisoner at the Edmonton courthouse held her cellmate hostage for two hours Wednesday, but Edmonton police say they resolved the incident without the use of force.

The incident occurred in one of the holding cells of the courthouse, with one woman forcefully taking another woman hostage.

"We know that there was a pair of eyeglasses involved," said Insp. Dean Hilton of the EPS.

"We believe the weapon that was used by the subject was one of the glass lenses."

Police were called onto the scene just before 11:30 a.m. where they assisted in the negotiation with the attacker. A tactical team was not required, but one was placed on standby.

"We were able to successfully negotiate a surrender, a peaceful surrender, without any injury, at approximately 1:18 p.m.," said Hilton.

While negotiations were occurring, much of the building remained unaware of what was taking place below.

"It was contained in the cell area within the courthouse and didn't affect operations within the courthouse or any safety whatsoever," said Hilton.

No injuries occurred, although the hostage-taker was taken to hospital for observation. No charges have been laid on the woman at this time.

PATRICK NGUYEN/FOR METRO

Schuyler Rhys Bierkos

## Cops issue new appeal to find missing man

Calgary police are continuing to ask for the public's help in locating a man last seen in February.

Schuyler Rhys Bierkos, 20, was last seen at home in the 2600 block of 15 Avenue S.E. on Feb. 24.

Bierkos has been known to travel to Vancouver and also has family connections in Edmonton and Sylvan Lake. METRO

Starting in 2014

## Demand-based parking pricing one step away from approval

Calgary's new demand-based pricing system for parking made it through committee Wednesday and will go to council Monday for a full vote.

Starting in 2014, the policy would see parking rates increase in areas with high vehicle occupancy rates and drop in areas with low occupancies.

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# Youth-at-risk program deemed 'critical'

**YARD.** About 360 at-risk teens aided by police program since 2006

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At first, Darren Prempeh thought he was just acting as cool high-school kids do.

Entering Grade 10, he admittedly began hanging out with the wrong crowd and he even started dealing drugs.

"That would have been me right there," he said Wednesday, motioning to a Calgary Police Service poster declaring gang life a "dead end."

"I could either be dead or be in jail," he said.

But before he went too far down the slippery slope he was on, Prempeh was introduced to the Youth At Risk Development Program and Const. Al Devolin.

The program, in operation since 2006, provides at-risk teens and their families with face-to-face guidance and counselling from police officers.

Now, Prempeh is a high-school graduate and has his eyes set on attending Mount Royal University.

"It was awesome," he said, adding he now considers Devolin a close friend.

On Wednesday, the provincial government announced it was contributing $300,000 to support analysis and expansion of the program.

Police Chief Rick Hanson deemed the program "critical."

"It gets them back on the right path," he said. "I can tell you this: I have never met a kid — ever — in 38 years of policing that said, 'I want to be a gang-banger when I grow up. I want to be a criminal when I grow up.'"

From left, Const. Al Devolin, Youth At Risk Development Program graduate Darren Prempeh and Alberta Solicitor General Jonathan Denis, who were on hand to announce a $300,000 donation from the province. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

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# Looming rains prompt ban on Glenmore Reservoir

Recreational use of the Glenmore Reservoir has been temporarily banned while the city drops the water level in anticipation of heavy rain in the coming days.

The city announced the ban at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, noting the water-level drop will create heavy flow from the Elbow River.

"In the interest of citizen safety, the public is asked to stay off the Reservoir until further notice," the city stated in a news release.

The city will review the reservoir's condition daily and post updates online when conditions change.

Meanwhile, a rainfall warning has been issued for southwestern areas of the province, including Pincher Creek, Crowsnest Pass and Waterton Lakes National Park.

Heavy rain is expected to develop as a slow-moving weather system slides into Alberta.

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**Rainfall warning**

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The showers will last until Saturday with total amounts expected to be 60 to 90 millimetres.

**Town of Peace River**

## Landslide closes Alberta highway

A landslide has forced the closure of a highway outside of the Town of Peace River in northwest Alberta.

The ground underneath Highway 744 on Judah Hill tumbled away, leaving wide, deep gaps in the asphalt.

No one was hurt and traffic in the area has been rerouted.

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## Space cowboy. Hadfield asked to shun Stampede

Thousands have flocked online to sign a petition urging Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield not to serve as the Calgary Stampede parade marshal.

Hadfield accepted an invitation to take on the role during the tail end of his five-month stint aboard the International Space Station earlier this month.

But, as of Wednesday evening, more than 4,000 people from across Canada had signed a petition urging him not to participate in an event they see as being "cruel" to animals.

"The Stampede is an awful tradition here in Canada and should end," said Cher Clarke, an Ontario resident who posted to the petition on the website care2.com, when reached by Metro Wednesday.

Stampede spokesperson Doug Fraser, meanwhile, dismissed the petition and said organizers have received a "huge, positive response" after choosing Hadfield. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Lina Kattan, associate professor in the department of civil engineering at the University of Calgary, shows off the new traffic lab that opened at the beginning of May at the university. This new lab will gather information to help ease traffic congestion and improve road safety. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

# New lab looks to limit traffic snarls, improve road safety

**Sensors.** Deerfoot Trail traffic to be monitored

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Commuting around Calgary may become a bit less frustrating in the future with the opening of a new traffic lab at the University of Calgary's Schulich School of Engineering.

By using sensor data integration, real-time tracking and data analysis, this new lab will work to find solutions to increase road safety and ease congestion.

"No one likes being stuck in traffic, it is lost time and lost productivity," said Lina Kattan, associate professor in the department of civil engineering and director of the new laboratory.

Through the use of sensors along Deerfoot Trail, the information gathered at the Alberta Motor Association Active Traffic and Demand Management Laboratory could lead to ramp metres and variable speed limits.

New warning systems that alert drivers to crashes or suggest alternate routes could also be developed out of the research collected.

Kattan says it is not about adding more roads, but managing the way motorists use the existing roads.

"Injuries and deaths from collisions take a personal toll, increase health-care costs and reduce our economic productivity," said Kattan.

"Air quality also suffers when vehicles idle during periods of traffic congestion."

This lab will also find ways to make public transportation a more attractive option to commuters.

The Alberta Motor Association contributed $750,000 toward the lab, along with transportation research and teaching, and two graduate student awards.

**Stats**

**As of April, there have been 11 fatal traffic collisions in Calgary.**

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# London attack leaves man hacked to death

**Two suspects hospitalized.** British PM says there are 'strong indications' it was a terrorist incident

A tent is erected near the scene of an attack in London on Wednesday. A British official says a violent attack near a London barracks is being investigated as a possible terrorist act. ALASTAIR GRANT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In a brutal daylight attack that raised fears that terrorism had returned to London, two men with butcher knives hacked another man to death near military barracks Wednesday before police wounded them in a shootout.

In a shocking video broadcast on British TV, one man gestured with bloodied hands, waving a butcher knife in the air and shouting political statements against the British government as pedestrians stood nearby a body lying motionless on the street. Bloodstains coated the street.

British officials said the attack appeared to be an act of terrorism, possibly motivated by radical Islam.

The two suspects remained hospitalized on Wednesday but their identities and that of their victim were not known. One of them was reported to be in serious condition.

French President Francois Hollande, speaking at a press conference in Paris, said it was a British soldier who was killed. British Prime Minister David Cameron didn't immediately confirm that fact.

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## Boston Marathon. Man shot to death during FBI probe into bombing

A Chechen immigrant was shot to death by authorities while being questioned in the Boston Marathon bombing case early Wednesday after he lunged at an FBI agent with a knife, officials said.

Ibragim Todashev, a 27-year-old mixed martial arts fighter, was gunned down at his home during a meeting with the agent and two Massachusetts state troopers, authorities said. The agent was taken to a hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening.

The FBI gave no details on why they were interested in Todashev. But acquaintances said Todashev knew one of the Boston Marathon bombing suspects, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, from mixed martial arts fighting.

Tsarnaev was killed in a shootout with police days after the April 15 bombings. His brother, Dzhokhar, survived and is charged with carrying out the attack that killed three people and wounded more than 260.

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**Afghanistan**

### Suicide bomber kills anti-Taliban village elder, 3 others in market

A suicide bomber on foot killed an anti-Taliban village elder and at least three others in a busy marketplace Wednesday in central Afghanistan, the latest in a wave of assassinations and bombings.

Habibullah Khan was killed along with two bodyguards and a civilian bystander in the afternoon attack in Ghazni province's Moqur district, police said. At least 14 civilians were wounded, most of them shoppers and merchants.

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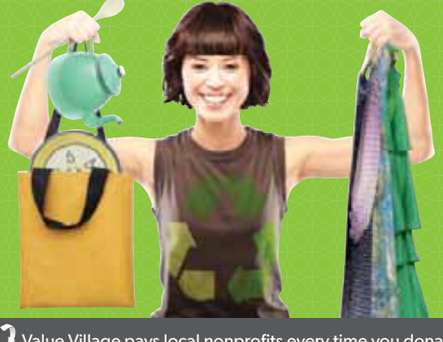

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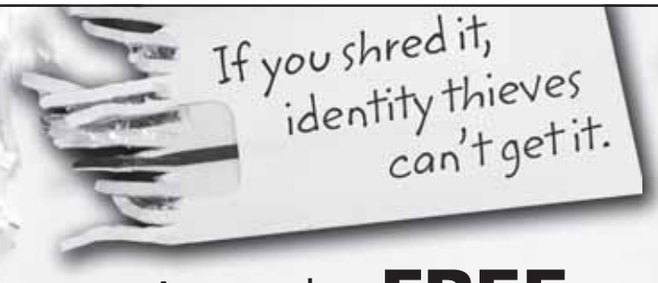


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# Hundreds gather to attend memorial for Tim Bosma

**Senseless death.** Mourners remember slain Ontario man as an 'average guy who loved his family and his friends'

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**"This sort of thing doesn't happen in Canada and it doesn't happen to people like us."**

Sharlene Bosma

Tim Bosma was a mischievous man with a "crazy laugh," but most of all he was just a regular guy — and it cost him his life, family and friends say.

There was standing room only in a banquet hall in Hamilton, Ont., where hundreds gathered to remember the 32-year-old father who was killed after taking two men on a test drive.

Family and friends at the memorial focused on the senselessness of Bosma's death.

"I know that there have been skeptics out there who seem unable to believe that Tim was not somehow involved in something," his wife Sharlene Bosma said. "This sort of thing doesn't happen in Canada and it doesn't happen to people like us."

It is difficult to accept, she said, because it means it could have happened to anyone.

"But for me, it didn't happen to just anyone," she said, fighting back tears. "It happened to my husband and the father of our child. Tim is my someone. He is my person, my other half."

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Sharlene Bosma pauses during her speech as her father Louis Veenstra looks on Wednesday at a memorial in Hamilton, Ont., for her husband, Tim Bosma, who was found dead after he took two men on a test drive. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ongoing investigation

## *Second suspect arrested*

Hamilton, Ont., police say a second man has been arrested and will face a charge of first-degree murder in the death of Tim Bosma.

On Wednesday police arrested Mark Smich, a 25-year-old man from Oakville, Ont., who police say is one of the men who went on the test drive and is to appear in court on Thursday in Hamilton where he'll face a charge of first-degree murder.

A Toronto man, Dellen Millard, is already facing charges of first-degree murder, forcible confinement and theft of a vehicle.

Police are looking for at least one other suspect — a third person they believe was following Bosma's truck in another vehicle.

Police now say that vehicle was a dark blue GMC Yukon SUV owned by Millard.

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## Jailhouse interview. Convicted killer says she 'deserves a second chance'

In a surprise jailhouse interview just hours after a jury began deliberating whether she will live or die, the woman at the centre of a murder case that captivated many Americans spoke out Tuesday about her trial, her fights with her legal team and her belief that she "deserves a second chance at freedom someday."

Arias was convicted last week of first-degree murder in the June 2008 stabbing and shooting death of her one-time lover in what prosecutors described as a cold, calculated killing carried out in a jealous rage. Arias maintains it was self-defence.

Arias provided some new information about her case and how she believed her lawyers let her down by not calling more witnesses who could have bolstered her claims that she was a victim of domestic violence at the hands of Travis Alexander.

Arias acknowledged it was unlikely she would ever be released, but believed she deserves a second chance.

"To this day, I can hardly believe I was capable of such violence. But I know that I was," Arias told jurors. "And for that, I'm going to be sorry for the rest of my life."

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Convicted killer Jodi Arias thinks about a question during an interview at the Maricopa County Estrella Jail on Tuesday in Phoenix. Arias was convicted recently of killing her former boyfriend Travis Alexander back in 2008, and could face the possibility of the death penalty. ROSS D. FRANKLIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cleveland

## Rescued women 'happy and safe'

The three women rescued after being held captive in a house in Cleveland for about a decade want everyone to know they are doing fine and appreciate offers of help.

The message was relayed in a letter released Tuesday by their attorneys.

The letter said Amanda Berry, Gina DeJesus and Michelle Knight are happy and safe. A charity fund to help the women has raised more than $650,000 US from over 6,800 donors.

"These three brave women have asked us to give this message to everyone who has expressed concern and support," said the attorneys, who are representing the women for free. "Amanda, Gina and Michelle want you to know they are doing well. They are happy and safe and continue to heal, a process that requires time and privacy.

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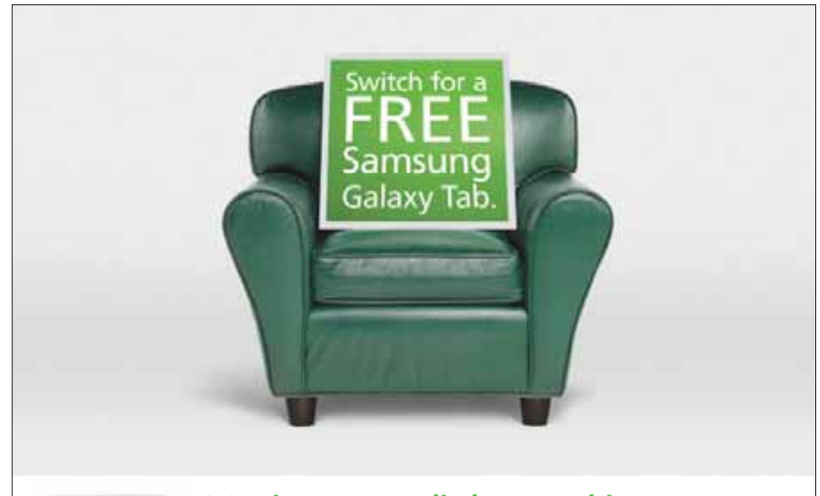

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# Toronto mayor's brother condemns crack craze

**Filling the silence.**
Good track record, no crack record: Councillor

Mayor Rob Ford stayed silent on Wednesday. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Rob Ford's staunchest supporter attempted on Wednesday to quell the controversy raging around Toronto's mayor over his alleged use of crack cocaine.

"Rob is telling me these stories are untrue, that these accusations are ridiculous," said Coun. Doug Ford.

"And I believe him."

Ford did little to douse the flames sparked by reports last week from the website Gawker and Torstar News Service. They say the mayor appears to have been caught on video smoking crack and making homophobic and racist remarks.

The mayor's only comments came Friday, when he briefly called the allegations "ridiculous" and suggested Torstar was out to get him.

Instead, Doug Ford lauded his brother's achievements before lashing out at the media. He accused reporters of going on a witch hunt, reserving his harshest criticism for Gawker.

"Giving away prizes to try to raise money for drug dealers and extortionists is disgraceful," Ford said.

Gawker has been trying to raise $200,000 to buy the video, reportedly being shopped around by a drug dealer.

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**Kicked off the team**

**In another blow Wednesday, the Toronto District Catholic School Board dropped the mayor as volunteer football coach of the Don Bosco Eagles.**

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# Harper swears ignorance of $90K bailout of senator

**First public comments.** PM says he would have denied chief of staff's donation if consulted

Stephen Harper stated he is "extremely angry." SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government deploys a vast early-warning communications system to warn of potential problems ahead.

But Harper insisted Wednesday that he learned about his right-hand man bailing out an embattled Conservative senator in much the same way as other Canadians did: by seeing it on the news.

"Immediately upon learning that the source was indeed my chief of staff, Nigel Wright, I immediately asked that that information be released publicly," Harper said at a news conference in Peru, the first time he's taken questions publicly on the scandal.

"Had I obviously been consulted, more importantly, I would not have agreed, and it is obviously for those reasons that I accepted Mr. Wright's resignation."

Wright quit on Sunday as details emerged on him giving Sen. Mike Duffy $90,000 to repay what he improperly expensed for housing. Duffy quit the Conservative caucus last Thursday.

Harper described himself as "sorry" and "frustrated" about the mess, which threatens the government's carefully cultivated image as a pillar of accountability.

The scandal is under investigation by the federal ethics commissioner; Duffy's expenses in particular are being reviewed again by an internal Senate committee.

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Senate review

## *Passage cut in report*

The Tory-dominated, closed-door Senate committee studying Mike Duffy's improper housing expenses deleted a specific reference to his failure to co-operate with external auditors before releasing its report to the public.

Another section, describing the language that defines a primary or secondary residence as "unambiguous," was also deleted — but remained in the reports tabled on two other senators.

Duffy, meanwhile, said Wednesday he's pleased the same committee will be reviewing his expenses once again.

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# Eatery's owners show how not to behave online

**Social media.** Arizona restaurateurs' poor conduct highlights the importance of dealing with negative reviews

Amy's Baking Co. in Scottsdale, Ariz., temporarily closed after an episode of Kitchen Nightmares aired.
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It was the customer service disaster heard around the Internet.

A Scottsdale, Ariz. restaurateur, fed up after years of negative online reviews and an embarrassing appearance on a reality television show, allegedly posted a social media rant laced with salty language and angry, uppercase letters that quickly went viral last week, to the delight of people who love a good Internet meltdown.

"I AM NOT STUPID ALL OF YOU ARE," read the posting on the Facebook wall of Amy's Baking Co. in Scottsdale, Ariz. "YOU JUST DO NOT KNOW GOOD FOOD."

It was, to put it kindly, not a best-business practice. Add to that an appearance earlier this month on the Fox reality TV show Kitchen Nightmares — where celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay gave up on trying to reform the restaurant after the owners refused to listen to his advice — and you have a recipe for disaster.

"That's probably the worst thing that can happen," said Sujan Patel, founder and CEO of Single Grain, a digital marketing agency in San Francisco.

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Canada's housing market is slowing dramatically in terms of both sales and construction, dragging down economic growth and putting some 150,000 jobs at risk in coming years, the Canadian Association of Accredited Mortgage Professionals warns in its spring report. The group stops short of calling the slide that began about nine months ago a crash. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# MY GOOGLE GLASS IS HALF EMPTY

HE SAYS

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Attention early adopters: Google Glass is on its way, and the new wearable technology is going to completely revolutionize the way that humans irritate each other.

The computer/eyeglasses hybrid hasn't yet been released to the general public, but Google Glass is already at the centre of the great debate that accompanies the arrival of any major new technology.

Namely: Is it a force for evil, or for good?

Is Google Glass a further erosion of our privacy, like CCTV cameras or the mirror? Or is it a great tech leap forward, like the jump from Nintendo to Super Nintendo?

My best guess? Neither. There will be a few innovative uses, sure, and a few major misuses, and a totally disproportionate amount of porn.

But I suspect people who think there will be life-altering repercussions might find that there's a Glass ceiling to be hit.

I've seen the glasses described as "augmented reality," which seems like a bit much. It's not as if it will provide a holodeck-like experience, allowing you to walk the vast empty expanse of Google Plus in 3D.

Google Glass is, for all intents and purposes, just a hands-free iPad.

Which is why I say its major impact will be providing innovative ways for people to irritate each other.

Look deep into the crystal (display) ball and you'll see what I mean:

• First the general public will scoff at the early adopters standing in line on Opening Day, then the early adopters will roll their eyes a few months later as moms and dads buy each other Google Glasses for Christmas

• Eventually there will be different styles and capabilities of Google Glass, and they'll become status symbols, with each clique annoyed that the other owns the device for the "wrong" reasons. Presumably the hipster Google Glasses won't even have lenses.

• There will be some anti-Glass protest groups decrying the end of privacy. They will make many good points, but they'll also be so smug and self-important that you'll be glad their cause is hopeless.

• One moronic motorist will, say, drive into scaffolding while playing Angry Birds on his glasses, setting off numerous idiotic political debates that will accomplish nothing. A U.S. senator will say something about the glasses that show he has not used a new piece of technology since the Vic-20.

• Once the device is ubiquitous, it will be hard to tell whether random people are Googling, which means Google Glass will combine the phone app annoyance of being ignored, with the phone call frustration of hearing only half a conversation.

In short, these new Portable Annoyance Devices, or eyePADs, will be deeply irritating at times. But they're not going to hasten the end of civilization, either, and you'll probably own one eventually.

Like all technology, Google Glass will only be as good or as bad as the humans who wield it. So we probably are doomed. But only to disappointment. Google Glass half full?

ZOOM

## These automatic flowers will do

LAURA HENDRIKS/WIM NOORDUIN

### Microscopic crystals bloom in beaker

Scientists at Harvard University have been able to grow microscopic crystals into dainty "flower" structures on a beaker of chemical fluid.

Dr. Wim Noorduin and his team at the Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS) found they can control the growth behaviour of crystals to create intricate molecular objects. Two chemical compounds are dissolved in water in a simple glass beaker.

As $CO_2$ enters the beaker from the air, it triggers reactions that result in forming microscopic objects, a process that takes up to four hours.

"By manipulating the mixture's conditions, like adding some acid or kitchen salt, a large diversity of shapes — from vases to corals — can be made," says Noorduin.

"When zooming in using an electron microscope, you see that inside the beaker a vast landscape of complex, sculpted microstructures has evolved in which you can get completely lost. It really feels like you are diving in an alien coral reef," he added. METRO

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micrometres (0.00005 metres) is the size of one "flower" — equivalent to the width of six red blood cells, or smaller than the thickness of a bank note. While Noorduin admits that "there are no practical applications yet," making these aesthetically pleasing objects "moves towards the control that is required for many practical applications, such as optical materials and catalysts."

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SCENE 2

# Your dog may be dead but FunnyFest lives on

**13 years.** Founder says do-or-die attitude helps keep the momentum going

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FunnyFest runs May 30 until June 7. SUPPLIED

Like any arts festival, FunnyFest Calgary Comedy Festival has had its ups and downs during its 13-year existence.

But founder and festival producer Stu Hughes says there's nothing else he'd rather be doing.

"Keeping anything going for that long is tough," says Hughes, who is also a well-known Calgary standup comic.

"Most cats and dogs start passing away after 13 years. But I love the creative process and my serious ADHD. FunnyFest believes in sharing the gift of laughter as a catalyst for physical and mental well-being."

Hughes admits it's been difficult to keep his head above water at times since he produces the festival without government assistance, but says the strong grassroots support from local comedy fans and sponsors has been encouraging.

"I believe not having a safety net makes your resolve stronger," he says. "The do-or-die mentality is certainly stimulating."

Hughes' goal with FunnyFest has remained unchanged since he put on the city's first comedy festival in 2001. He says he simply wants Calgarians to experience the joys of standup comedy and to bring laughter to those who need it.

"Most people don't know that 50 per cent of our audience have never seen a live comedy show," he says.

"FunnyFest is a grassroots event. It touches many lives, from volunteers to the many performers who got their start and inspiration from FunnyFest."

Each year, FunnyFest attracts more than 500 applicants, of which Hughes can choose only 70 for the 11-day festival.

"We look for funny and original comics," he says.

One of the highlights of this year's festival is the premiere of the FunnyFest behind-the-scenes documentary, Squirrel Chasing, directed by Darik Datta. The movie screens at the Cardel Theatre on June 4 at 7 p.m.

"I had no input in the film," Hughes explains.

"It was (Datta's) angle and themes. I was just in it. It's challenging not to have any control on what is being stated in the movie. But very freeing."

**The 99 per cent**

**"99 per cent of the comics in the world are terrifically gifted, but most are not well-known. We want people to see the diversity in talent out there."**

FunnyFest founder Stu Hughes

**Details**

- The 13th annual FunnyFest Calgary Comedy Festival takes place May 30 until June 9 at seven venues around Calgary, including the Cardel Theatre, S Sports Bar and Grill and Union Station.
- This year's headliners include Tommy Savitt, Simon King and Matt Billon.
- For more information or to purchase tickets go to funnyfest.com

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# Sad-sack singer strums his tune of resignation

**Music.** Indie-rockers the National argue against reputation for sad music and admit, at this point, there isn't much they can say to change opinions

Matt Berninger, lead singer for The National, talks about the band's reputation. MICHELLE SIU/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The National's frontman Matt Berninger has heard so many times in so many ways that his band's songs are sad that it eventually became a bit of a bummer.

Even in resoundingly upbeat reviews the indie-rockers have amassed over the years, rock scribes have dug deep for new and creative ways to describe the band's admittedly moody tunes. Rolling Stone recently referred to the Cincinnati-reared, Brooklyn-based rockers as "indie-rock sadsters" and "first-rate gloom-raiders" while Berninger himself has been singled out by the L.A. Times for finding "100 shades of morose" and by Entertainment Weekly as sounding "badly in need of Paxil." In some cases, those statements were meant as compliments.

And Berninger, the soaring singer with the expressive baritone as deep as the ocean floor, has learned to stop being irritated by the feedback.

"For a long time, we tried to fight against the idea that we're a sad, depressing band — and I've never thought of us that way — but it became clear that there's no way we were ever going to prove otherwise," he said.

And yet, he quickly glides into a familiar argument against the band's apparently suffocating somberness.

"I think it has the opposite effect for most people who pay attention," said the thoughtful frontman. "Because singing about melodrama and sadness and depression and romance and social anxieties and whatever they are, have been my ways of embracing them and kind of making something fun out of them and helping me deal.

"The songs about that stuff, I find them to be very soothing and leave me feeling the opposite way, leave me feeling relieved. I think most people who pay attention to our band and have followed us don't think of us as depressing and think of us as the opposite too. But on a cursory level, yes, our songs are not light pop songs."

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**"It became clear that there's no way we were ever going to prove otherwise."**

**Matt Berninger**
Talking about how The National has stopped trying to convince people about what kind of band they are.

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# K'naan waving a white flag on chasing his music fame

**Canadian music.** Rapper working on new songs after deriding 2012 album for chasing U.S. success in the wrong places

Somali-Canadian rapper K'naan is taking a fresh approach to making music.
GETTY IMAGES

Somali-Canadian rapper K'naan says lingering disappointment over his last album is pushing him to write and release a new batch of songs. The Wavin' Flag musician says he's found renewed focus to "be honest" in his work, after playing it too safe with 2012's Country, God or the Girl.

K'naan says from Los Angeles that he's writing new material he hopes will be ready this fall.

His disdain for last year's disc was laid bare in a New York Times opinion piece published in December 2012.

K'naan began that 1,200-word article by saying: "Here is a story about fame," and went on to recount label pressure to cater his dense global rhymes to a pop-loving female, teenage U.S. audience.

K'naan, who draws much of his inspiration from his troubled homeland, now says he's been thinking a lot about the artist he wants to be and the kind of music he wants to make.

"It's a very instinctual album (there's), not a lot of mulling over it," K'naan says of the new songs.

"I just felt like I had to do things this time around that felt pretty urgent to me."

And he is hoping to get the material out into the world as soon as he can, he admits, largely because of regretful choices made with Country, God or the Girl.

"The rush is that I didn't really like that album so much, so I think that that's the experience — the reflection of the album I put out has caused me to put out another one," he says of last year's disc, which nevertheless earned respectable reviews.

"It's not even a mechanical thing; it's the urge to explain the dynamics of things and try to be honest about where I'm at, what my life is and also the difference between writing music that you could write and music that you should write."

In the Times piece, the rapper recounts meeting label executives to discuss how to keep his U.S. audience growing.

Their main advice? Change his lyrics because "radio programmers avoid subjects too far from fun and self-absorption."

"And for the first time, I felt the affliction of success," K'naan writes.

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Daft Punk's new album Random Access Memories is getting mixed reviews after being released earlier this week. MATT SAYLES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# French electronic duo Daft Punk keeps robot image, try new sound

**New album.** There are mixed reviews for Random Access Memories as the dance music crew tries to expand musically with fourth album

It's tempting to say Daft Punk has gone Hollywood. The influential French electronic duo crafted its first film score, for Tron: Legacy, three years ago and are now releasing a well-financed, smartly-hyped pop album featuring what they call an ensemble cast of contemporary singers and veteran musicians.

There's long been a showbiz bent to the work of Thomas Bangalter and Guy-Manuel de Homem-Christo, who for the last 13 years have hidden their faces in public appearances by wearing robot helmets and costumes.

Bangalter compares the mystique-building masks — echoed by musicians including Deadmau5 and MF Doom — to an ever-evolving comic book superhero who starts as a side story "then maybe 50 years later it becomes like a big franchise movie in Hollywood."

Yet Daft Punk's new album Random Access Memories isn't the special effects-filled summer blockbuster you might expect. The group that helped popularize electronic dance music in the United States has used almost exclusively live instrumentation on the 13 songs, many modeled on the easygoing groove of late 1970s pop and disco. At a time when drum machines and urgent computer-generated chords dominate the charts, Daft Punk went the opposite direction.

"Human voices in pop music are becoming more and more robotic," Bangalter said. "(The album) is a robotic project and a technological one that is trying to get more and more human."

Through arranger Chris Caswell, the group linked up with players who could evoke their favourite music from Chic, early Michael Jackson, Steely Dan, Fleetwood Mac. Chic's Nile Rodgers, drummer JR Robinson and bassist James Genus lay the musical bed for vocalists including Julian Casablancas, Panda Bear from Animal Collective and Pharrell. It's a long way from the two-man home studio productions that defined the first three Daft Punk albums.

"Making music with musicians and bringing back a certain craftsmanship, that was totally unfamiliar for us. It was somehow a certain fantasy," Bangalter said. "It's funny because it was somehow a luxury to be able to do that. But at the same time it was not a comfortable position."

Early response has been mixed to the hotly anticipated album, which streamed on iTunes prior to Tuesday's release. "This album makes me not like L.A.," DJ-producer Diplo tweeted. "These guys are way smarter then me. I'm definitely missing something." Billboard called the album "messy" but said it was "fantastic to hear these masterminds trying again," while Pitchfork praised its musicianship and "amazing level of detail."

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**Like film directors**

**They started with several days of jam sessions in Los Angeles, then spent four years layering sounds, editing, rearranging and re-recording.**

- **Quote.** Bangalter compares the duo to a film director "shooting for months and months, stopping sometimes to do reshoots and then lots of editing."

Jessica Walter returns as the booze-fueled matriarch Lucille Bluth on Arrested Development. HANDOUT

# Get her a vodka rocks, Lucille Bluth is back and ready to go

**Arrested Development.** Jessica Walter's 50-year acting career has entered a renaissance, and she's grateful for it

TODD GILCHRIST
Metro World News

By her count, Jessica Walter has been a member of the Screen Actors Guild for 50 years, a period of time that encompasses a vast body of work — dramatic (Grand Prix), suspenseful (Play Misty For Me), supernatural (Dr. Strange) and, most recently, comedic (Archer). But for Walter, the forthcoming return of Arrested Development offers a reassuring reminder that her career has transcended not just different genres, but different generations.

"Certainly demographically, there are probably people who thought I was dead," Walter says candidly. "I have people that are my age and older who know who I am, who remember some of my work from the old days, and then I used to get, 'Wow, my mother really likes you.' Then I'd get, 'My grandma really likes you.' And now I get 'I really like you!' So how can I be unhappy about that?"

According to Walter, who plays boozy matriarch Lucille Bluth, virtually every line of dialogue in the 15 new episodes creator Mitchell Hurwitz wrote has a double (or even triple) meaning, much like those in the 53 episodes of the show that were broadcast during its three seasons on Fox. But because each episode now focuses on a different character, instead of simply following Jason Bateman's Michael Bluth, conversational contexts shifted frequently — a change that provided a considerable challenge for Walter and her co-stars as they navigated their way through Hurwitz's latticework of plot strands and one-liners.

**No writer's block here**

**"The thing about our show, which I think you probably realize from watching it, is that the writing is so character-specific."**
**Jessica Walter**
On Arrested Development.

"We didn't know a whole lot, a lot of the time, which makes it much more difficult," she admits. "In the end, it all worked out, but it's a strange way to work because you don't have all of the materials."

Still, the actress says she slipped easily back into the role, even after a seven-year hiatus between the show's cancellation and its rebirth on Netflix.

"The thing about our show, which I think you probably realize from watching it, is that the writing is so character-specific," she observes. "Once I heard Tony (Hale's) voice and once I saw him, there he was with the hook and his pathetic demeanor, he was my little Busty again."

Between Lucille on Arrested Development and Mallory Archer on Archer, Walter finds herself in the midst of a remarkable career renaissance, a fact she's grateful for, regardless of whether people know her prior to playing these cantankerous, irresistibly manipulative mothers.

"I'm so glad they think of something," she says humbly.

"At my age I'm privileged that they think of something, so it doesn't bother me a bit if they think of me as Lucille. And people have been really nice — they don't seem to think of Lucille as horrible, thank God. But as long as they're thinking of me, it makes me happy."

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Kristen Stewart PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

## KStew and RPattz: Never, ever getting back together?

In the wake of her split from Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart is apparently seeking the counsel of a pal who's something of a breakup specialist. The Twilight star was spotted heading to Taylor Swift's Beverly Hills home earlier this week, according to PopSugar. Stewart reportedly "spent all day there" before heading home. This comes after Pattinson was seen removing his possessions and dogs from Stewart's house. "She tried, they both tried," a source tells Us Weekly of the split. "They're both good people. It was just not the right thing for either of them right now."

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt

## Brad and Angie: Still gaga

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie aren't afraid to show their affection for each other — even if their kids protest, to hear Pitt's pal, Frank Pollaro, tell it. "Once I walked in and Angie was standing there and Zahara walked up and said, 'Daddy, you're not going to start making out with Mommy again, are you?'" Pollaro tells Esquire. "And it's like that. This is a guy who has tried not to do any sexy scenes with other women since he's met Angelina. He's crazy about her, and she's the same way about him."

# METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

**The Word**

## *Things just got 'real' for this housewife*

THE WORD
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The Real Housewives of the OC star Tamra Barney joins the ranks of Bethenny Frankel and Kim Zolciak as Housewives who have gotten their own Bravo show. The divorced mother of four's new show will centre around her wedding to fiancé Eddie Judge, which will be held this summer in California. The two are then opening a gym together (of course they are).

So far, the show has no title, but the spin-off is a no-brainer, according to RadarOnline. "For Bravo, she has it all: the romantic storyline of getting married, for a third time, the drama with the other OC Housewives and she'll inevitably be a beautiful bride, when she walks down the aisle," a source tells the site.

**Twitter**

**@ABFoundation**
When I am in Europe, I realize how behind the rest of the world the US is vis a vis renewable energy...

**@MissKellyO**
I swear to god I have spent the better part of a day staring at the wall the antibiotics the DR put me on are so strong!

**@sethrogen**
I finally joined Facebook! To make up for lost time, I made a tutorial vid showing how to roll a CROSS JOINT!

Will Smith

## Is Will Smith going to get jiggy with Kanye West?

Will Smith may be heading back to the music world, and if he does we have Kanye West to thank.

"I've been messing around with Kanye," Smith tells HipHollywood.com. "We went in the studio a couple times, so I might get the bug. I'm not going to do it unless I'm truly inspired, but (Kanye has) been pushing me a little bit."

Smith has not released any music since 2005.

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# Double-duty denim

This spring, denim comes in patched looks that are one part '60s hippie and one part '90s grunge (with a touch of '80s Marty McFly)

KENYA HUNT
Metro World News in London

**3.1 Phillip Lim**

Chambray pants, $425, netaporter.com

**Madewell**

Two-tone chambray shirt $88, madewell.com

**Reiss**

1971 Robbie shirt $170, reiss.com

**Zara**

Jeans, $80, zara.com

**MiH**

Jeans, $235 netaporter.com

**Real world application**

## A test run

Every season offers a new interpretation of denim, some easier to pull off than others.

Last year's look — those ubiquitous leopard spots — were harmless and versatile. But this season brings some more challenging fare — neon tie-dye anyone?

On the surface, two-tone jeans look like they'd be dangerous, placing you in ironic, hipster, try-too-hard territory. But they're actually versatile, striking a good balance between right-now and still-stylish-later.

I chose a pair by the British label Made in Heaven because they did just that, plus, they're just skinny enough without preventing one's ability to breathe. I wore mine with a graphic blouse, tailored coat and pumps, an outfit that successfully took me from the office to dinner with friends afterward.

KENYA HUNT, MWN

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# Cannes vs. the Billboard Music Awards

On the surface, the two red carpets couldn't seem more different. But in reality, they share a lot in common, like a slew of wacky, attention-grabby outfits. We look at the best and the worst.

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## The pretty young things

Cannes: Cara Delevingne shows she's got grown-up sex appeal by swapping her trademark beanie and high-tops for a Burberry dress with a plunging neckline.

Billboard: Legs for miles: Taylor Swift shows why she's a one-woman disco in a sparkling Zuhair Murad mini.

## The attention-grabbers

Cannes: Hang on, who the hell is Elena Lenina? Exactly. Nobody knows, which explains why the Russian TV presenter and "model" chose to wear a pompadour hopped up on Viagra to Cannes.

Billboard: Never underestimate the power of an obscenely high slit to land a girl in the papers. Oh the cheek of it, Ke$ha! And with a new single, Warrior, to promote, it's worth trading a little flesh for flashbulbs.

## The prom queens

Cannes: You can almost hear Isla Fisher muttering to herself, "Please make me prom queen." That said, her passé, choppy mille-feuille gown looks dowdy rather than daring.

Billboard: Feeling as blue as the carpet, Shania Twain? Her washed out Grecian-style gown certainly says so.

## The wackadoos

Cannes: Florence Welch is a Cannes first-timer, trying a bit too hard in a lurid Miu Miu polka-dot dress and platforms.

Billboard: Z LaLa is an unknown. She clearly wants to make an impression, but dressing like Christmas tinsel isn't going to cut it.

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# Let your toes do the talking

We look at five of the season's biggest footwear trends and determine what each will say about the man who chooses to wear them

RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News in London

## The retro slip-on

Try: Rivieras France slip-on shoes
$85, asos.com

**What it says:**
A laid back, no-fuss kind of guy who probably doesn't work a traditional 9-to-5. Thanks to Vans, this shoe is as much of a wardrobe staple to 20- and 30-somethings as pleated chinos are to their dads. This spring they come in all sorts of new styles, like the retro '50s model up top.

## The gladiator sandal

Try: Damir Doma Frido sandal
$772, ln-cc.com

**What it says:**
You're the guy who gets a pedicure and possibly even peruses the street style blogs, where these shoes have been cropping up. Gladiator-style sandals, like the solid-strapped pair pictured below, are sold pretty much exclusively to the fashion pack.

## The colourful driving shoe

Try: Mr. Hare Sergio driving shoes
$418, mrhare.com

**What it says:**
They're the kind of shoes that womanizer Daniel Cleaver from Bridget Jones's Diary would wear while speeding off for that steamy weekend away. So if that's what you're going for, the shoe pictured above is for you. The cobalt colour gives the classic revved-up sex appeal, especially when teamed with a perfect St.Tropez tan.

## The bold track sneaker

Try: New Balance men's Country Fair sneakers
$184, oki-ni.com

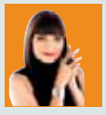
**What it says:**
You're aware of trends (bright trainers are, like, so now.) This is also ideal for those of you who give rules the middle finger. Think: the guy who wears a suit with sneakers to the company conference. Or Steve Jobs.

## The colour-blocked boat shoe

Try: Thom Browne boat shoes
$520, mrporter.com

**What it says:**
You're someone who finds the basics boring and knows what a Thom Browne suit is. With these shoes, tradition meets quirky modernity, offering just enough of the unexpected to set you apart from all of your friends dressed in conventional wardrobe staples this summer.

## Twitter



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## The Kit

# Canadian street style

**Spotted in: Ottawa**

### Sandra

### TD Canada Trust Employee

### Age: 21

**What she's wearing**
Aritzia Sweater, jean jacket from Garage, paisley scarf from the market in downtown Ottawa, leggings from American Apparel, and Combat Boots from Spring.

**Her inspiration**
"I am inspired by my mood! I dress according to how I am generally feeling when I get up!"

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## Trends Report

- Classic black and white can be a bold choice for spring amidst the sea of pastels, floral prints and bright hues. Head online to Trends Report to see how the stars at Cannes are donning this elegant colour combo and draw some fashion inspiration for yourself.

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# CUTTING-EDGE DESIGNERS LAUDED

Glass in all its glory — hand-cut, hand-blown and LED-lit — was creatively used by winning designers in both the best kitchen and the best bath categories in the 2013 Design Competition sponsored by the National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA).

The category winners were revealed recently at an exclusive Design Competition Awards event in New Orleans during the 2013 Kitchen & Bath Industry Show (KBIS).

Wendy Johnson of Designs for Living in Manchester, Vt., took the best kitchen award for her grand-scale room with a curved LED-lit glass bar overlooking art glass on panels in the cooking and entertaining centres, and an expansive golf course view.

Shea Pumarejo of Younique Designs in Helotes, Texas, earned the best bath award for her baroque style room featuring a hand-cut glass wall, and red hand-blown glass faucet and sink.

"We take great pride in announcing to the public the top-notch kitchen and bath designers that our industry has to offer," said 2013 NKBA president John Morgan. "Hundreds of entries are received every year, and our designer members continue to impress. The competition this year boasted of innovative concepts, creative expressions and cutting-edge designs."

Elina Katsioula-Beall's design took first place in the small kitchen category.

SUKI MEDENCEVIC PHOTO

The best budget-friendly kitchen went to Cheryl Kees Clendenon.

GREG RIEGLER PHOTOGRAPHY

Brigitte Fabi took top spot in the before and after bath category.

ERIC HAUSMAN PHOTO

This year's 400-plus entries from across the U.S. and Canada were judged by a panel of eight certified industry experts. Each was either a certified master kitchen and bath designer or both a certified kitchen designer and a certified bath designer. The entries were scored on safety and ergonomics, elements and principles of design, design planning, creativity and presentation.

# FIT FOR THE IDEAL INNER CITY LIFESTYLE

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Brookfield Homes has opened its doors to the community of Bridgeland.

Groundbreaking will begin this month on Brookfield Homes' first multi-family inner city development in the desirable community of Bridgeland.

"Mosaic Bridgeland is all about creating a home that's fit for the ideal inner city lifestyle," says Kelly Halliday, sales and marketing manager with Brookfield Homes. "With extraordinary proximity to downtown and just steps away from the Bow River pathway and an array of eclectic shops, Mosaic Bridgeland truly is inspired living."

Mosaic will feature two models, the Sienna and Mikado.

These one-of-a-kind walk-out townhomes will range from 1,096 square feet to 1,480 square feet, starting from the $400,000s. Both models will feature an open concept layout, centre island kitchen, and two or three bedrooms with two-and-a-half baths.

"We wanted to design a home with great value," Halliday says.

By working closely with an interior designer, Mosaic Bridgeland offers residents high-end finishings from floor to ceiling. Each home includes stainless steel KitchenAid appliances, tile, granite or quartz counters and hardwood floors.

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# A LITTLE PAINT AND CREATIVITY

## INVOLVE CHILDREN WHEN DECORATING THEIR ROOM

CIL PHOTO

How do you keep the kids busy this summer and beautify your home at the same time? The answer is elementary, according to leading Canadian paint brand, CIL® paint — involve them in decorating their bedrooms.

"A child's bedroom goes through more transformation than any other room in the house, from a nursery through to a teen retreat, so this space will need several updates over the years," says Alison Goldman, brand manager for CIL paint, a brand of PPG Architectural Coatings. "All it takes is paint and a little creativity to keep your decorating budget on track through every stage of your child's life."

Involving kids in the creative process will not only keep them focused during the summer, but will also get them excited for the new school year, Goldman says, emphasizing that paint transforms a space more economically than any other decorating tool.

Goldman offers these tips to update your child's room:

**HIT THE BOOKS.** Let your child browse through magazines and clip out pictures of rooms they like. This exercise will give you a good framework for your project and ensure the room reflects your child's personality.

**DO HOMEWORK ON COLOURS.** Review colour swatches with your child, but keep in mind that studies show wall colour can affect a person's mood and behaviour. Blues, greens and lilacs, for example, tend to soothe, relax and improve productivity.

**PRACTISE YOUR ABCS (A BASIC COLOUR SCHEME).** Too many colours in a room can make it feel chaotic. A good rule of thumb when decorating a child's bedroom is to limit the palette to two or three colours.

**ENGAGE IN CHILD'S PLAY.** When choosing a theme for a child's room, consider painting both walls and furniture for best results. From racing cars, sports themes, animals and cartoon characters to beaches, celestial looks, castles or flowers, themes help give you direction and focus.

**TAKE A RECESS FROM THE RULES.** Finish the space with unusual accents like a high-top sneaker or a bright rubber boot as a plant pot. Use sports items like a hockey stick or fishing rod as a curtain rod. For the music lover, use old record albums to create a graphic feature wall.

"When it comes to kids' rooms, the options for fun and creativity are endless," Goldman says.

# TURNING IDEAS INTO PROFIT

## MAKE YOUR MARK IN SASKATCHEWAN

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With a boom in immigration and job opportunities, people are quickly beginning to see Saskatchewan as an up and coming leader in the Canadian economy.

Red Door Venture Group has recognized this and the enormous potential in the amount of undeveloped land that is scattered throughout Saskatchewan.

"Red Door Venture Group is a multi-faceted marketing firm dedicated to real estate developers that are looking to make their mark in the booming province of Saskatchewan," says Jaimey Midtdal, spokesperson for the Red Door Venture Group. "At Red Door Venture Group we have the tools and people needed to take care of the entire process, stress-free. We turn ideas into profit."

And now is the perfect time to start investing in Saskatchewan — Red Door Venture Group is committed to producing turn-key developments for clients from land acquisition to concept and design to sales.

"We have an easy, all-service system available to our clients," Midtdal says.

Red Door Venture Group takes great pride in the services it provides to its customers and treats each customer with respect by tailoring each interaction to meet their needs. It provides customers with the most precise, concise, and consistent approach to business and stands by all its actions.

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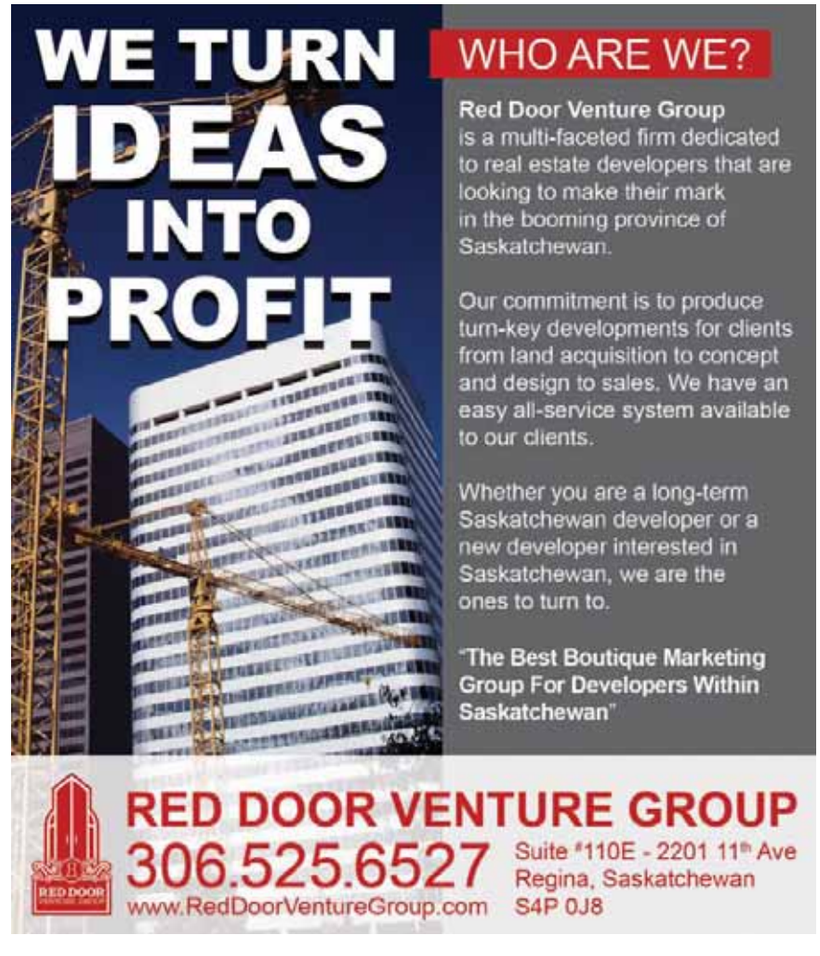

Jensen Leisure sofa, lounge chair, coffee table and two end tables.

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# RELAX OUTDOORS IN STYLE

After an unusually harsh winter, about 75 per cent of households intend to purchase at least one piece of furniture for their outdoor living space this spring season.

According to research conducted by the American Home Furnishings Alliance, which has a Canadian chapter, homeowners are assessing their 2013 purchase priorities in terms of functionality and price over size and style.

"The promise of spring has homeowners anticipating time spent on their patios, decks and porches," said Jackie Hirschhaut, vice-president of public relations and marketing for AHFA. "Whether for relaxing alone or entertaining friends, these new outdoor furnishings will spruce up their space and help them take pleasure in the downtime they deserve."

When selecting pieces to enhance their backyards and gardens, consumers indicated the most desired new furnishings include a chair or chaise lounge, umbrella, dining table, outdoor lighting, fire pit, pillows, outdoor rug and hammock.

Kingley Bate offers a classic design in all-weather wicker for its Sag Harbor collection, including this casual dining group.

The most prevalent product designs point to transitional and soft contemporary styling, with an abundance of soft curves and straight lines. Collections are enhanced with pieces designed for function, including storage ottomans and wedges, sofa tables and a serving station.

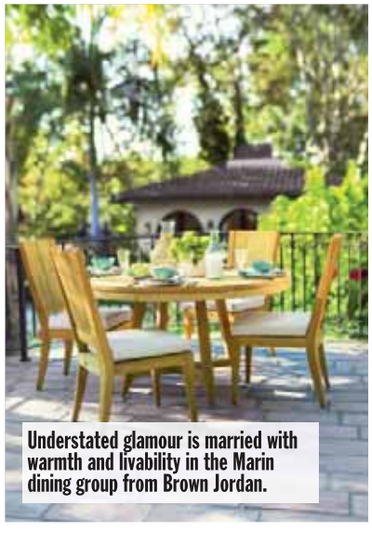
The new outdoor furnishings for 2013 reflect a range of wood, synthetic weaves and sturdy aluminum, as well as a dynamic use of mixed materials. Sustainably harvested teak, mahogany and South American hardwoods, including eucalyptus, ipe and roble wood, are found in rich natural warm tones as well as weathered grey hues. And following a popular decorating style in interior furnishings, a number of lines are utilizing reclaimed teak.

Interestingly, a number of seating and table frames are crafted of aluminum, finished with a faux wood grain. All-weather wicker is constructed from synthetic materials formed into strands of various shaped and sizes, and woven in a range of patterns. Fashionable alternative tabletops include acrylic stone and leather.

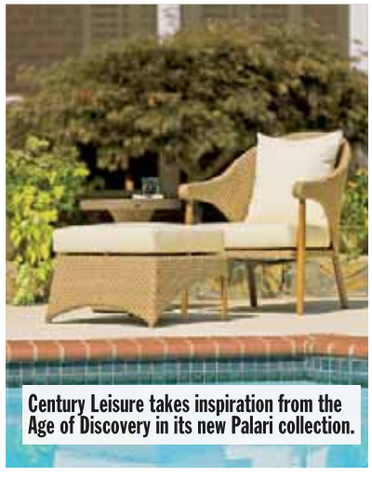
Pointing to a sense of optimism and brighter, livelier days ahead, outdoor fabrics and finishes include bold pops of colour for this season's outdoor spaces. These graffiti brights include lime green, tangerine orange and vivid blues, from turquoise to azure.

Innovative finishes reflect a turn toward metallics, with bronze, brushed steel and copper dominating, but even gold makes its debut on a sleek aluminum frame from Brown Jordan. These hues are much more sophisticated than the "industrial" trend seen in indoor finishes. Fabrics to complement these frames favour greyed neutrals and sunset orange and gold.

The gentle sway of the Monterra swing by O.W. Lee adds a new level of backyard relaxation.



Understated glamour is married with warmth and livability in the Marin dining group from Brown Jordan.



Century Leisure takes inspiration from the Age of Discovery in its new Palari collection.

The Dash dining group from Telescope Casual has simple lines that can blend into any outdoor setting.

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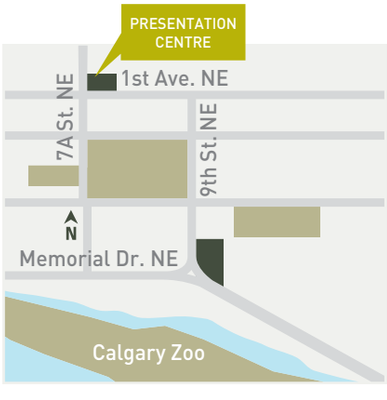


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# PERFECT SETTING

## NEW BRIGHTON — AN ACTIVE COMMUNITY

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New Brighton is the community for people on the go.

A picturesque pond and park, an incredible private residents' club, and beautiful streetscape welcomes buyers home to New Brighton in southeast Calgary.

Take in the scenic views of the New Brighton pond, as you stroll through the 20-acre central park, or take the dog for a walk on one of the many pathways throughout the community.

At the hub of the community is the 6,500-square-foot New Brighton Club, a private recreational facility for programmed activities, community meetings and club events.

Outside is a children's water play area, plus basketball, volleyball and squash courts, where you can meet with your friends or family for hours of active fun in the summer, or try out the outdoor ice rink in the winter.

New Brighton is just minutes away from schools, shopping, recreational facilities, and the new Calgary South Health Campus in Seton.

And you don't have to look far for everyday conveniences, as coffee shops, restaurants and grocery stores are right on your doorstep along 130th Avenue and McKenzie Towne's High Street. Plus, major arteries provide convenient access to downtown and Calgary International Airport.

Brookfield Residential's mixed-use Seton development, conveniently located on the southwest corner of Seton Boulevard and Seton Way, will offer New Brighton residents more shops and services, with Phase 1 expected to open this fall.

Coming to New Brighton in 2014 is the New Brighton Regional Athletic Park, which will be Calgary's first regional athletic park in more than 25 years. This park will include four multi-sport natural turf fields, one baseball diamond, about 260 parking stalls, and change room/washroom facilities.

"New Brighton is the perfect setting for young singles, couples, families, and those looking for a safe and friendly community," says Chelsea Stricker, marketing co-ordinator.

To find out more about New Brighton and the remaining opportunities to build a new home in this community, visit livenewbrighton.ca.

### REMAINING OPPORTUNITIES

New Brighton's townhome project "Mint" by Jayman is ideal for first time buyers or those looking to downsize. Pricing starts in the $280,000s.

The move-up show home parade by Shane, Cedarglen, and Morrison features homes with double attached garages starting in the $400,000s.

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# LIVE IN A LANDMARK

The Calgary skyline is something to behold, especially from 35 storeys up. That was the intention behind MARK, a new residential development in the heart of the city's Design District, according to Parham Mahboubi, vice-president of marketing and new developments at Qualex-Landmark, MARK's developer.

Located at 10th Avenue and 8th Street in the Beltline, MARK was designed to give residents a fantastic view, he says. The tower's one- and two-bedroom homes have over-height ceilings and expansive double-glazed window walls that "maximize the view in every direction."

"MARK is a one-of-a-kind project in Calgary," Mahboubi says. "The combination of location, superior amenities and outstanding design inside and out makes these homes highly desirable."

The tower's 274 homes come in nine different floor plans ranging from 452 to 980 square feet. Remaining one-bedrooms start from the $250,000s, and two bedrooms from the $380,000s.

Innovative interiors by renowned design firm Trepp Design Inc. complement the spectacular view, Mahboubi says. They come in two modern colour palettes — dawn and dusk.

"Residents deserve upscale appliances and finishings," Mahboubi says. "Luxury is standard in all our homes. There's no need to upgrade."

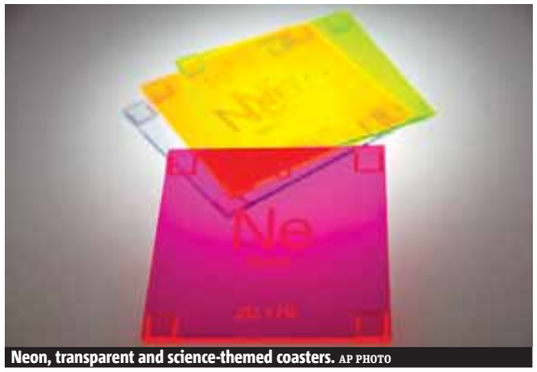
Those luxuries include quartz countertops, precision-crafted German-engineered cabinetry and appliances in the kitchen, with Kohler polished chrome wall-mount faucets and shower heads, porcelain tile flooring, and tub apron/shower surrounds in the bathroom. A large soaker tub welcomes you home on chilly days.

Underfoot, residents will find high-quality wide-plank wood laminate flooring in the living and dining areas, and cosy broadloom carpet in the bedrooms.

When residents want more of the outdoors, they can lounge or barbecue on their open-air balconies or patios.

MARK's amenities were meant to provide residents an exclusive, well-appointed place to work and play, Mahboubi says. The rooftop fitness centre, lounges, outdoor hot tub, barbecue and urban garden are just the tip of the iceberg.

For more information, visit qualex.ca/mark.


Neon, transparent and science-themed coasters. AP PHOTO

# Bright signs of things to come

**Neon resurgence.** After a mellow trend, zingy florescent hues roar back into not only fashion, but decor too

The neon brights that peppered the 1980s are back, in fashion and decor. Highlighter hues and glow-in-the-dark tints provide a shot of adrenaline after a few seasons of mellow, mushroomy colour palettes.

Of course, these colours aren't for everyone. But if you're ready to play, here are some fun options and expert advice on how to go sassy but stylish. Tanika Nayak, an interior designer and shelter-show host on HGTV and the Food Network, loves bright hues.

**Less is more**

**"Use neon in small doses. You don't want to blind anybody."**

**Tanika Nayak, HGTV interior design host**
On how to use florescent hues

She says the key is to make them look up-to-the-minute and not circa 1983.

"Use neon in small doses," she advises. "You don't want to blind anyone. My favourite use of neon is against a crisp white backdrop. In a dining room, start with a glass table, white walls and pop it with bold colourful neon dinnerware, placemats, and vases. If you dare to go even bolder, use neon print accent chairs." Nayak says balance is everything when working with these powerhouse hues.

"If you have a big, colourful personality and really want that bedroom or bathroom to glow, then go ahead and paint the entire room with your bold colour. But balance it with white, black, grey or even a pastel. For example, a bedroom painted in bold green neon can work if the bedding, rug and window treatments offset it with a calming white and/or a pale soft blue," she suggests.

Take the same tack with a bathroom; add light-coloured towels and mat to cool things down. HomeGoods (homegoods.com) has some well-priced accessories, like bright orange and green ottomans, a ceramic lamp in citrus, a large selection of colourful kitchen tools and mirrored decorative boxes.

Meanwhile, Brooke Jones offers an array of tangerine-hued home accessories at her online shop (etsy.com/shop/juxtapositionsc). A little elephant and a set of dinosaur-topped jars are part of the collection. Jones says, "I want to make colour accessible to everyone. Painting a wall a bright colour might not be realistic, but people can still bring in that fun, bright pop of the unexpected through home accessories. I hope my work inspires people to take chances and not take decorating too seriously."

Bright candle holders. AP/Z GALLERIE

Los Angeles-based designer Byron Samayoa's laser-cut coasters embossed with elemental information were not initially intended to be neon acrylic. "My original idea was to start with a wood set and a clear acrylic set, but every time I went back to my samples, the neon ones always stood out from the rest." (shop.bplusshop.com)

Canadian textile artist Christine Skaley Reid works out of her studio in Mission, B.C., creating eclectic throw pillows in colour-banded and right-on-trend '70s-style floral prints. Fuchsia and pink set the trendy tone. (etsy.com/shop/pillowthrowdecor)

At Z Gallerie, find several great pieces in a zingy chrome yellow, including Mariposa candle holders and Pasadena picture frames, (zgallerie.com). And if you're up for outfitting your home office in some pumped-up hues, consider CB2's Go-cart furniture series, which includes a rolling cart, bookcase, task lamp and desk in vibrant yellow or orange powder-coated steel (cb2.com). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bold multi-coloured picture frames. AP PHOTO/Z GALLERIE

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# Art house ... in the middle of our street

**Gutsy move.** Turning your home into an artwork is risky but if done properly it could become a beloved local landmark

It's hard to miss the enormous 20-foot-wide American flag on the side of Richard Ormbrek's home. Comprised of around 180 tiles painted with scenes of Americana against a background of red and white stripes, the flag pops from the orange cedar shingles with traffic-stopping audacity.

This is actually the second major art project that Ormbrek has put on the house he shares with brother-in-law Bruce Edenso. The first — a traditional Haida Indian totem house design that covered the entire side of the home — was painted in 1975 and made the house something of a local landmark.

Many people know of one: that neighbourhood house that's quirky or dramatic or a bona fide art project.

But few have the inclination — or the guts — to turn their own home into "that house," to view their property as a giant canvas waiting to be explored.

"We needed to paint our house anyway," says Ormbrek. "And while we were mulling over the colour, we decided to make our home look like a longhouse."

Ormbrek's late wife Judy, a Tlingit-Haida, picked the totem design, which the Ormbreks projected from atop a car across the street while their friend Steve Priestly painted in the lines.

Neighbours gaped as the house was transformed, but only one seemed to mind, fearing it would bring down property values. So far, it seems, the Totem House has neither driven down property values in one of Seattle's hottest neighbourhoods, nor affected the resale value of the home itself.

"I get offers every week to buy my home," says Ormbrek. "Of course I'm not planning on selling the house — it's a very special place."

Jay Pennington of New Orleans put a twist on this suggestion when he offered his yard to host a year-long musical art installation. The double lot he purchased in 2007 came with a dilapidated, roughly 250-year-old Creole cottage on the property, which Pennington wanted to use in a creative way befitting the spirit of New Orleans.

A DJ, performer and artist manager who also goes by the name Rusty Lazer, Pennington is steeped in the art world through his work as co-director of New Orleans Airlift, a not-for-profit organization that provides opportunities for artists. Pennington, along with friends, came up with the idea of a musical village made from the salvaged remains of the cottage.

After obtaining city permits, New Orleans Airlift co-director Delaney Martin and artist Taylor Lee Shepherd paired artists with builders to create a lot-size shantytown with nine shacks that wheezed, thrummed and plinked as fully functioning instruments.

**In demand**

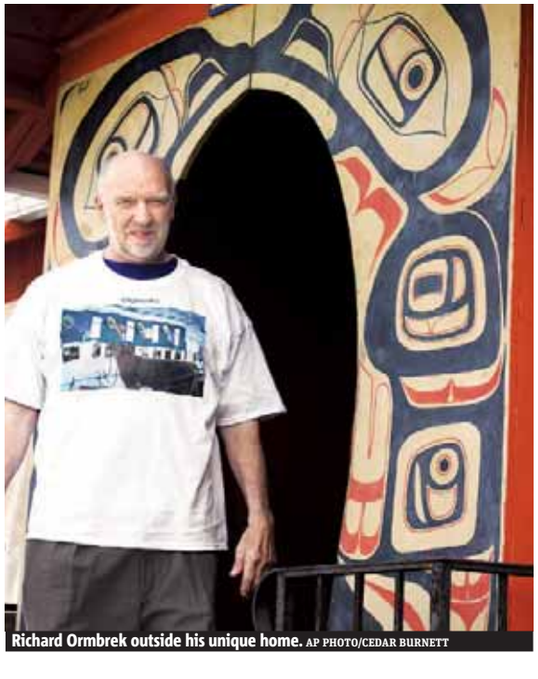
**"I get offers every week to buy my home."**
Richard Ormbrek, home owner

The neighbours were almost universally supportive and took part in the project — from helping to dismantle the cottage to defending Pennington from the one neighbour who viewed the project as "trashy" and tried to shut it down. "It's New Orleans — people love music here," says Pennington. He said neighbours appreciated that the cottage wasn't torn down and replaced with a new, out-of-character home.

He did draw the line at friends camping in his yard for Mardi Gras, insisting that they build a privacy fence to show respect for the neighbours. The fence was built and now a piece of it is part of the archival collection at the New Orleans Museum of Art.

Performances of The Music Box, as the project was called, drew 15,000 visitors and a host of performers who played the instrumental buildings. It ended in May 2011 after four months of staggered performances.

Pennington still shares his property with the project's art director, Eliza Zeitlin, who lives in the permanent structure she built for the project — along with her menagerie of 30 animals. "My house will never be just my house again," says Pennington. "But I love that." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS


Richard Ormbrek outside his unique home. AP PHOTO/CEDAR BURNETT

# Size doesn't matter — in the backyard

**Summer style.** With a few strategic choices, your small yard can still have a large design

Design magazines and home decorating catalogues tend to feature sprawling backyards with big wooden decks and room for everything from decorative fountains to artificial ponds.

But few of us have that much outdoor space. You can create something truly special out of even the smallest yard or porch, says Los Angeles-based designer Brian Patrick Flynn.

Here, he and two other design experts — small-space specialist Kyle Schuneman and landscape designer Chris Lambton — offer advice on the best furnishings, plants and decorating strategies for making the most of a small yard, modest deck or petite patio.

### Go flexible and mobile

"With a small outdoor space, I really like to think double duty," says Schuneman, author of "The First Apartment Book: Cool Design for Small Spaces" (Potter Style, 2012). Look for seating that has hidden storage space inside and tall planters that add privacy.

And choose items that can easily be moved, such as lightweight flowerpots or planters on wheels, says Lambton, host of the gardening design series Going Yard on HGTV. "It's an easy DIY thing," he says, to buy an assortment of inexpensive plastic pots and paint them to match your outdoor decor.

If planters are lightweight or on wheels, you can move them to get proper sunlight at different times of day, and rearrange them if you're entertaining guests and need more space.

### Choose the right furniture

"The easiest way to make small outdoor spaces appear smaller is to fill them with lots of pieces," says Flynn, founder of the design website decordemon.com.

"Instead, go big with sectionals, or flank perfectly square or rectangular areas with identical love seats or sofas. This not only maximizes the seating potential, but it also keeps the space from becoming too busy or even chopped up. In my outdoor living room, I used a U-shaped outdoor sectional, which seats up to seven comfortably."

When arranging furniture, consider the view: If the home's exterior is more attractive than the outdoor view, Flynn says, consider positioning seats so that you'll face your home rather than looking away from it.

### Plant wisely

All three designers say your choice of plants is especially important when space is limited.

Choose plants with a purpose: "Lavender's great," Lambton says, because it's attractive, easy to grow and deters bugs. Marigolds will also help keep insects away.

Lambton also suggests putting up a trellis as a privacy wall, and planting it with colourful wisteria or climbing hydrangea. Or choose a tall holly or cypress plant in a large planter.

"Holly will be green all year round," he says, and can help transform an unappealing view.

None of these plants are hard to take care of, Lambton says. "If you're having coffee in the morning, just go out and dump a little bit of water in."

### Think vertically

If you love plants but have minimal space, add a wall-mounted garden filled with succulent plants to one wall, says Schuneman: "It's a great way to add life and texture without actually taking any real estate up on your small balcony or patio."

He also suggests using narrow planters to create "long, narrow, raised flower beds that go the length of the space." They provide room for plants to grow, while also creating a ledge that's "great for coffee cups or a casual lunch," he says.

Flynn suggests playing up the height of your space by adding long outdoor curtains or hanging pendant lights.

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A narrow 14-foot by nine-foot outdoor space was turned into a full-fledged living room by designer Brian Patrick Flynn in his own home, by adding a pergola for shade and suspending outdoor pendant lights, separating the area from neighbours with a planter wall and using a U-shaped sectional for seating up to seven. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/BRIAN PATRICK FLYNN/HAYNEEDLE.COM

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# The brass bar cart is making a return

After keeping a close eye on the interiors of Mad Men and Downton Abbey, a chic bar cart is a staple furniture item, whether you live in a modern home or a traditional estate. Having a handy roll away cart to entertain is an impressive way to serve up cocktails. Here's a lineup of brass drink carts — from traditional to modern in style. Not since the '60s and '70s have we seen brass so chic. And although we may consider gold metal tones as traditional, we now have a whole new appreciation for this tone of metal.

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## Liberations Bar Cart

Simple industrial cart design gets glamourized with rubbed brass and leather. $775, crateandbarrel.com

## San Miguel Trolly

Faux-bamboo detailing and bumper-front curves will keep the traditionalists happy when entertaining. $700, bombay.ca

## Connaught Antique Brass Bar Cart

Scaled-down size makes the perfect cart to be used for serving drinks or in a master bath to hold towels. $1,600, upcountry.com

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# Get the little ones chopping, stirring and stuffing dinner

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This is a great vegetable or main course dish. The stock and milk sauce replaces traditional white béchamel sauces, which contain excess calories and fat.

**1.** Preheat oven to broil. Broil peppers in oven or grill for 15 minutes or until charred, turning often. Let cool for 5 minutes. Remove tops of peppers and save. Peel skin and de-seed, leaving whole pepper intact. This can be done under cool running water.

**2.** Cook pasta in boiling water according to package instructions or until firm to the bite. Drain and place in large bowl.

**3.** Make the sauce: In large nonstick skillet, heat oil; sauté garlic and onions until soft, approximately 3 minutes. Add tomatoes and cook for 1 minute.

**4.** Meanwhile, combine stock and flour in small bowl; add to tomato mixture and simmer just until sauce thickens slightly, approximately 3 minutes, stirring constantly. Pour over pasta; add basil, margarine, prosciutto and cheese. Mix well. Stuff peppers until full, saving remainder as a side dish. Place pepper top over pasta, to act as lid. **ROSE REISMAN BRINGS HOME LIGHT PASTA (ROBERT ROSE) BY: ROSE REISMAN**

**Bell Peppers Stuffed with Spaghetti, Tomato and Prosciutto**

This recipe serves six. Each serving contains 380 calories and 10 grams of fat.
MARK SHAPIRO, FROM ROSE REISMAN BRINGS HOME LIGHT PASTA (ROBERT ROSE)

**Ingredients**

- 6 medium sweet bell peppers (green, red and/or yellow)
- 12 oz spaghettini

**Sauce**

- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 tsp crushed garlic
- 3/4 cup diced onions
- 1 3/4 cups diced tomatoes
- 1 1/4 cups cold chicken stock
- 1 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil
- 1 tbsp margarine or butter
- 1/2 cup chopped prosciutto or ham
- 3 tbsp grated Parmesan cheese

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Vigneault fired

## Canucks to bring new voice behind their bench

Vancouver Canucks coach Alain Vigneault has paid the price for his team's early exit from the playoffs.

The club fired Vigneault and assistants Rick Bowness and Newell Browne on Wednesday, as the expected fallout from the Canucks' first-round sweep at the hands of the San Jose Sharks finally came to pass.

The Canucks' all-time leader in coaching wins, Vigneault led the club to six Northwest Division titles, two Presidents' Trophy titles and an appearance in the 2011 Stanley Cup final.

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NBA playoffs

## Heat sneak away with Game 1 win

LeBron James made a layup as time expired in overtime, and the Miami Heat found a way to beat the Indiana Pacers 103-102 in a wild Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals Wednesday night.

James finished with 30 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists for the Heat — his ninth post-season triple-double — and barely anyone noticed. All that mattered was the last shot, which saved the Heat.

Paul George made three free throws with 2.2 seconds left in overtime, which he forced with a miracle three-pointer, to give the Pacers the lead. But James — with Indiana centre Roy Hibbert on the bench — just drove down the left side of the lane and scored with ease.

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Sidney Crosby and Craig Anderson collide behind the Senators' net on Wednesday night in Ottawa. JANA CHYTILOVA/FREESTYLE PHOTOGRAPHY/GETTY IMAGES

# Sens shelled by sure-footed Pens

**NHL playoffs.** Pittsburgh opens floodgates as Neal and Iginla each score twice

Game 4

| Penguins | Senators |
|---|---|
| 7 | 3 |

It's textbook media training for hockey players: Don't utter a word about the next round of the playoffs until you have all four games of your current series in the bag.

It's a lesson Sidney Crosby has apparently learned well.

"I'm not talking about anything ahead of Game 5," was all the Pittsburgh Penguins captain would say when asked about a potential Eastern Conference final against, likely, the Boston Bruins.

But after Wednesday night's 7-3 blowout of the Ottawa Senators, it's hard to imagine Crosby and his teammates aren't starting to think about their next trip to Beantown.

Pittsburgh now holds a 3-1 series lead heading into a pivotal Game 5 at home on Friday.

The Penguins didn't just beat the Senators in Game 4 of their semifinal series, they obliterated them.

For a time — until, say, Pittsburgh's four-goal romp in the third period — it looked like Ottawa might make this a series.

The Senators got on the scoreboard early in the first period — and just like Sunday's double-overtime marathon win in Game 3, they did it the hard way.

With defenceman Sergei Gonchar in the penalty box, Senators captain Daniel Alfredsson fed the puck up the middle to a streaking Milan Michalek, who broke through the Penguins defence and beat Tomas Vokoun low on the glove side to put Ottawa up 1-0.

It was the first time Ottawa has led this series. But it wouldn't last.

A hot goalie can only take a team so far, and any team that lets the star-studded Penguins shoot at will is bound to eventually give up a goal. The Penguins notched seven.

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A shot gets past Blades goalie Andrey Makarov during the third period of Memorial Cup action in Saskatoon. The Winterhawks won 4-2. LIAM RICHARDS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Winterhawks gash Blades in third

**Memorial Cup.** Moose clinch spot in Sunday's final as Blades look to bounce back vs. Knights to earn Hawks rematch

**On Wednesday**

| Winterhawks | Blades |
|---|---|
| 4 | 2 |

The Portland Winterhawks scored three times in the third period Wednesday to defeat the Saskatoon Blades 4-2 in the final round-robin game at the MasterCard Memorial Cup.

With the score tied 1-1, Chase De Leo gave Portland the lead for good at 4:08 of the third when he jammed a loose puck past Blades goalie Andrey Makarov as the Winterhawks (2-1) clinched a spot in Friday's semifinal.

The host Blades (1-2) will now take on the London Knights (1-2) in Thursday's tie-breaker game. The winner of that one will meet Portland in Friday's semi. With the Winterhawks' victory, the Halifax Mooseheads (2-1) clinched a berth directly into Sunday's final at the tournament to decide the Canadian Hockey League champion.

Derrick Pouliot, Brenden Leipsic and Ty Rattie had the other goals for Portland, which got 29 saves from Mac Carruth. Nicolas Petan added two assists for the Western Hockey League champions.

Josh Nicholls, with a goal and an assist, and Shane McColgan replied for Saskatoon, while Makarov stopped 30 shots in taking the loss.

After De Leo scored to give Portland the lead in the third, Leipsic added an insurance goal for Portland at 6:27, ripping a shot from the slot into the top corner past Makarov.

Rattie made it 4-1 with his fourth of the tournament at 10:16, beating Makarov to the glove side off the rush.

Nicholls scored at 16:27 to cut the deficit to two, but the Blades would get no closer.

Following a scoreless first period, the teams traded goals in the second. Pouliot opened the scoring at 6:44 after jumping on a Blades turnover and firing a shot from the sideboards that fooled Makarov.

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## Golf gaffe. Sergio Garcia apologizes for 'totally stupid' fried chicken joke

Sergio Garcia apologized to Tiger Woods for saying he would serve fried chicken if they were to have dinner at the U.S. Open, an ugly addition to nearly two weeks of verbal sparring.

What had been a celebration of European golf at an awards dinner south of London shifted suddenly to a racially sensitive moment involving Woods, the No. 1 golfer in the world and the only player of African-American heritage on the PGA Tour.

Garcia said he meant to give a funny answer to a playful question, and it turned out to be "totally stupid and out of place."

"I feel sick about it and I feel truly, truly sorry," he said Wednesday from the BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth, site of the European Tour's flagship event.

The two golfers have exchanged barbs the last 11 days, dating to the third round of The Players Championship, when Garcia implied that Woods purposely stirred up the gallery as the Spaniard was playing a shot. Woods said it was not surprising that Garcia was complaining.

Sergio Garcia attends a press conference in England. WARREN LITTLE/GETTY IMAGES

Garcia and his Ryder Cup teammates were at a dinner Tuesday night when the emcee, Golf Channel's Steve Sands, jokingly asked Garcia if he would have Woods over for dinner during the U.S. Open.

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**Olympics**

## Targeted drug testing needed to catch cheats: IOC

Olympic officials agree that more targeted, out-of-competition testing in high-profile sports is needed to catch the drug cheats who are escaping the net, IOC president Jacques Rogge said Wednesday.

Rogge told The Associated Press that sports leaders who attended a summit at IOC headquarters in Switzerland concluded that better testing — rather than more tests — is the best way forward in the anti-doping fight.

Drug-testing strategies and the role of the World Anti-Doping Agency were discussed at a meeting of Olympic leaders Tuesday in Lausanne.

While the IOC declined to release details on Tuesday, Rogge said in an interview that all sides agreed on the need for greater unannounced out-of-competition testing.

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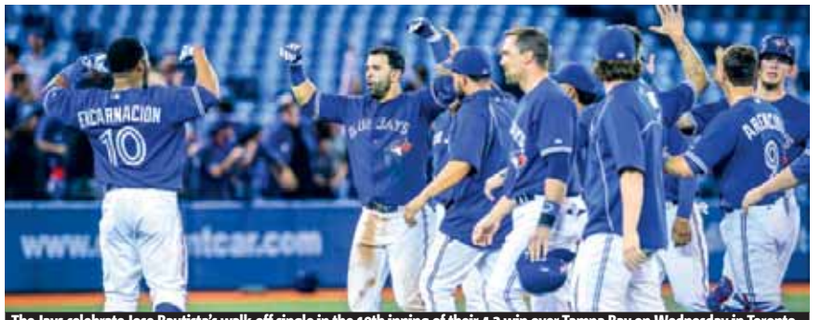

The Jays celebrate Jose Bautista's walk-off single in the 10th inning of their 4-3 win over Tampa Bay on Wednesday in Toronto.
DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Extra special: Jose lights Blue Jays' way past Rays

**MLB.** Right-fielder's heavy-hitting heroics help ensure series victory over Tampa Bay

Jose Bautista homered twice and drove in Colby Rasmus with the winning run in the 10th inning to give the Toronto Blue Jays a 4-3 come-from-behind win over the Tampa Bay Rays on Wednesday in Toronto.

Rasmus reached on an infield single, moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Emilio Bonifacio and advanced to third on a grounder by Munenori Kawasaki. Rasmus scored when Bautista singled off Rays reliever Kyle Farnsworth.

An inning earlier, Bautista — who had four hits and four RBIs — hit a game-tying blast off Tampa Bay closer Fernando Rodney. Reliever Aaron Loup (2-3) picked up the victory as Toronto improved to 19-27 by taking the rubber game of the three-game series.

Tampa Bay (24-22) had taken a one-run lead in the top of the ninth. Evan Longoria hit a one-out double off Toronto closer Casey Janssen and scored on James Loney's single.

Bautista answered in the bottom half with his second rainbow shot to left field of the game. The Toronto slugger now has 11 home runs on the season.

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## NHL PLAYOFFS

### CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-7 series; All times Eastern)

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

**PITTSBURGH (1) VS. OTTAWA (7)**

(Pittsburgh leads 3-1)
**Wednesday's result**
Pittsburgh 7 Ottawa 3
**Friday's game**
Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.

**BOSTON (4) VS. N.Y. RANGERS (6)**

(Boston leads 3-0)
**Tuesday's result**
Boston 2 NY Rangers 1
**Thursday's game**
Boston at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

**CHICAGO (1) VS. DETROIT (7)**

(Detroit leads 2-1)
**Monday's result**
Detroit 3 Chicago 1
**Thursday's game**
Chicago at Detroit, 8 p.m.

**LOS ANGELES (5) VS. SAN JOSE (6)**

(Series tied 2-2)
**Tuesday's result**
San Jose 2 Los Angeles 1
**Thursday's game**
San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

## NBA PLAYOFFS

### CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-7 series; All times Eastern)

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

**MIAMI (1) VS INDIANA (3)**

(Miami leads 1-0)
**Wednesday's result**
Miami 103 Indiana 102 (OT)

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

**SAN ANTONIO (1) VS MEMPHIS (5)**

(San Antonio leads 2-0)
**Tuesday's result**
San Antonio 93 Memphis 89 (OT)
**Saturday's game**
San Antonio at Memphis, 9 p.m.

## MLB

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

**EAST DIVISION**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 28 | 18 | .609 | — |
| Boston | 28 | 19 | .596 | ½ |
| Baltimore | 25 | 21 | .543 | 3 |
| Tampa Bay | 24 | 22 | .522 | 4 |
| Toronto | 19 | 27 | .413 | 9 |

**CENTRAL DIVISION**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cleveland | 26 | 18 | .591 | — |
| Detroit | 24 | 19 | .558 | 1½ |
| Kansas City | 21 | 22 | .488 | 4½ |
| Chicago | 21 | 24 | .467 | 5½ |
| Minnesota | 18 | 25 | .419 | 7½ |

**WEST DIVISION**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Texas | 30 | 17 | .638 | — |
| Oakland | 25 | 23 | .521 | 5½ |
| Seattle | 20 | 27 | .426 | 10 |
| Los Angeles | 19 | 27 | .413 | 10½ |
| Houston | 14 | 33 | .298 | 16 |

**Wednesday's results**
Texas 3 Oakland 1
Toronto 4 Tampa Bay 3 (10)
Baltimore 6 N.Y. Yankees 3
L.A. Angels 7 Seattle 1
Boston 6 Chicago White Sox 2
Houston 3 Kansas City 1
Detroit at Cleveland
**Tuesday's results**
Detroit 5 Cleveland 1
Baltimore 3 N.Y. Yankees 2 (10)
Tampa Bay 4 Toronto 3
Oakland 1 Texas 0
Chicago White Sox 3 Boston 1
Kansas City 7 Houston 3
L.A. Angels 12 Seattle 0
**Thursday's games**
**All times Eastern**
Baltimore (Gausman 0-0) at Toronto (Morrow 1-3), 7:07 p.m.
Minnesota (Diamond 3-4) at Detroit (Porcello 2-2), 7:08 p.m.
Cleveland (McAllister 3-3) at Boston (Dempster 2-4), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Blanton 0-7) at Kansas City (Santana 3-3), 8:10 p.m.
**Friday's games**
Baltimore at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 7:08 p.m.
Cleveland at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Miami at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.
Oakland at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
Texas at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

**EAST DIVISION**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 28 | 18 | .609 | — |
| Washington | 24 | 23 | .511 | 4½ |
| Philadelphia | 23 | 24 | .489 | 5½ |
| New York | 17 | 27 | .386 | 10 |
| Miami | 13 | 34 | .277 | 15½ |

**CENTRAL DIVISION**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| St. Louis | 29 | 16 | .644 | — |
| Cincinnati | 29 | 18 | .617 | 1 |
| Pittsburgh | 28 | 18 | .609 | 1½ |
| Chicago | 18 | 27 | .400 | 11 |
| Milwaukee | 18 | 27 | .400 | 11 |

**WEST DIVISION**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Arizona | 26 | 21 | .553 | — |
| Colorado | 26 | 21 | .553 | — |
| San Francisco | 26 | 21 | .553 | — |
| San Diego | 21 | 24 | .467 | 4 |
| Los Angeles | 19 | 26 | .422 | 6 |

**Wednesday's results**
Atlanta 8 Minnesota 3
Cincinnati 7 N.Y. Mets 4
L.A. Dodgers 9 Milwaukee 2
Colorado 4 Arizona 1
Washington 2 San Francisco 1 (10)
Pittsburgh 1 Chicago Cubs 0
Philadelphia 3 Miami 0
St. Louis at San Diego
**Tuesday's results**
Pittsburgh 5 Chicago Cubs 4
Atlanta 5 Minnesota 4 (10)
Cincinnati 4 N.Y. Mets 0
Philadelphia 7 Miami 3
Milwaukee 5 L.A. Dodgers 2
Colorado 5 Arizona 4 (10)
St. Louis 10 San Diego 2
San Francisco 4 Washington 2 (10)
**Thursday, May 23**
**All times Eastern**
Chicago Cubs (Jackson 1-6) at Pittsburgh (Gomez 2-0), 12:35 p.m.
**Friday's games**
Philadelphia at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
San Diego at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
St. Louis at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.
Colorado at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

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## Horoscopes

### ♈ Aries
**March 21 - April 20**
Chances are you will waste a considerable amount of time today doing nothing. And why shouldn't you? You can't be a live wire Aries every day of the week. Goof off, but only a little.

### ♉ Taurus
**April 21 - May 21**
Why are you using up so much energy trying to change things you know cannot be changed? Yes, OK, your sense of purpose is impressive but there comes a point when it just becomes stupid. Give it up.

### ♊ Gemini
**May 22 - June 21**
Sometimes it's not wise to dig deeply, especially in areas where people's secrets are concerned. If nothing else, it gives people an excuse to do a little digging in your affairs too.

### ♋ Cancer
**June 22 - July 23**
If your instincts tell you that something is wrong, you must not allow loved ones to persuade you otherwise. You are entitled to your point of view and you don't have to change it for anyone.

### ♌ Leo
**July 24 - Aug. 23**
Try to resist the urge to spend your hard-earned cash on things you don't really need. Yes, of course, there are more important things in life than money but that does not mean you should throw it away.

### ♍ Virgo
**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**
There is something a partner needs to be told and you know it is you who must tell it. You also know they won't be happy to be made to face up to the truth. It's for their own benefit.

### ♎ Libra
**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**
You need a change of scene, so if you get the chance to go somewhere different today, even if it's just a walk round the block, take it. A new environment will give you a new perspective on your problems.

### ♏ Scorpio
**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**
Whatever setbacks you may have experienced recently, your long-term outlook is good so stop worrying. You may find that hard to believe but the planets don't lie.

### ♐ Sagittarius
**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**
You may be tempted to open your heart and let everyone know how you feel but is that a bright idea? There are people out there who would happily use your honesty against you.

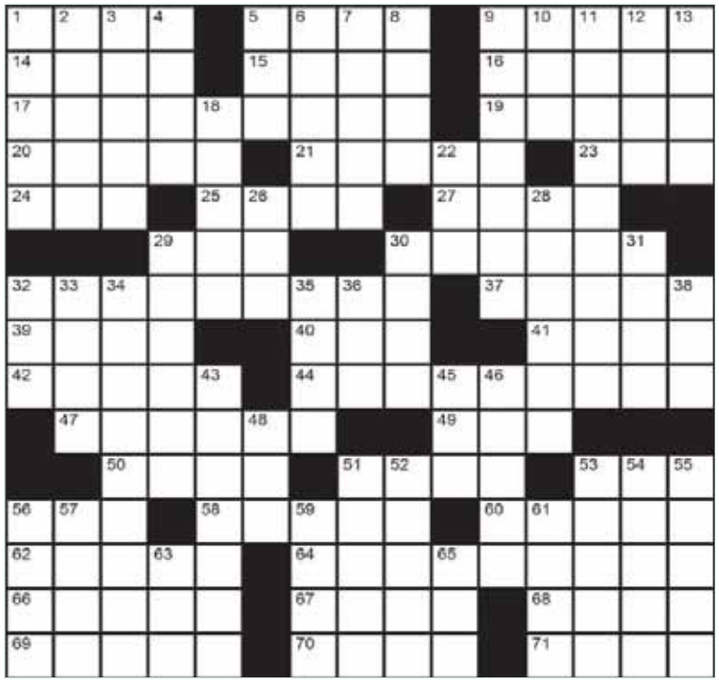
### ♑ Capricorn
**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**
The most important thing over the next few days is that you have faith in yourself. Talent and experience are important, of course, but self-belief trumps everything.

### ♒ Aquarius
**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**
You may have to say something to a friend that sounds a bit harsh but it is for their own good. They will be stronger for it in the long-term — and they will always remember it was you who made it possible.

### ♓ Pisces
**Feb. 20 - March 20**
Be careful you don't jump to conclusions today, especially if you are the kind of Pisces who thinks more with your heart than your head. Give others a chance to explain before you pass judgement. SALLY BROMPTON

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

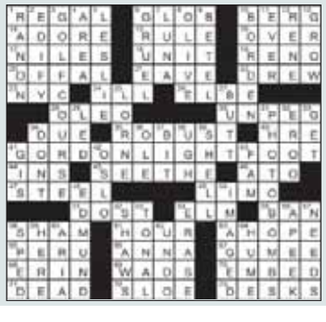
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



**Across**
1. Be unwilling/complain
5. Computer company
9. Upper Fort __ (Historical site in Manitoba)
14. Fertilizer ingredient
15. Timbuktu's locale in Africa
16. Permeate
17. Vancouver's __ Island
19. "__ Fat Greek Wedding" (2002): 2 wds.
20. Los Angeles basketballer
21. Snake's toxin
23. HS subject
24. Winding shape
25. Candid
27. Billboard
29. Note before Lah
30. Pour†out wine
32. New Brunswick city
37. Actor Chris of "American Pie"
39. Take _ __ dancing lesson
40. Regret
41. Sgt. Snorkel's comic strip dog
42. Mow the grass shorter
44. Johnny Depp's frequent movie director: 2 wds.
47. 'Synthetica' is this Canadian band's current album
49. Sort of tribute
50. Workshop implement
51. Garbage bag brand
53. Bird that's a thief
56. Auto
58. Actor Mr. Davis
60. Ahead of time
62. Visibly stunned
64. French __, as per education
66. Nouveau __ ($$$)
67. Its capital is Muscat
68. Terrible tsar
69. Gambling card game
70. R&B singer, __-__
71. Singer Ms. Dobson

**Down**
1. Military instrument
2. Rich tapestry
3. Drip-drops
4. "Citizen __" (1941)
5. "Who __ _ to say?"
6. Birth a bovine
7. "Grey's Anatomy" star Ms. Pompeo
8. Zippo ...mais en francais
9. Marketing ploy, for instance
10. Canadian singer/songwriter Ms. Sky
11. 11th Prime Minister, from 1930 to 1935: _._. __
12. Destroy
13. Safecracker
18. High speedster's sound
22. Suffix with 'Lact'
26. __ Beta Kappa
28. Aplenty
29. Canadian cheese giant since 1954
30. Per __ (Daily)
31. Musician Mr. Puente
32. Impair
33. Detail
34. NASCAR venue
35. Federal org. concerning broadcasting
36. Aujourd'__ (Today, in French)
38. __-stick frying pan
43. "Raise a Little Hell" band
45. __ constrictor
46. Bovid bag
48. French pronoun
51. "That's mine!!"
52. Catriona __ __ Doan, Canadian Olympian/broadcaster
53. Ambition
54. "We need _ __ of bread." ...said the store-stuff needer
55. Kathleen __, Premier of Ontario
56. Kind of fish
57. Currency exchange fee
59. Priory of __
61. "Like, that's ever going to happen.": 2 wds.
63. "__ Loves You" by The Beatles
65. Roxy Music's Brian

## Yesterday's Crossword



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**How to play**
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | | | | 7 | | | | 4 |
| | 6 | | | | 2 | 3 | 8 | |
| | 5 | | 4 | 3 | | | | |
| | 8 | | | | | 1 | | |
| 3 | | 7 | | | | 6 | | 2 |
| | | 9 | | | | | 5 | |
| | | | | 5 | 3 | | 4 | |
| | 2 | 3 | 8 | | | | 1 | |
| 4 | | | | 1 | | | | 9 |

### Yesterday's Sudoku

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 3 |
| 8 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 5 |
| 5 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 1 |
| 2 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 8 |
| 6 | 9 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 |
| 4 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 7 |
| 1 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 9 |
| 7 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 6 |

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|---|---|---|
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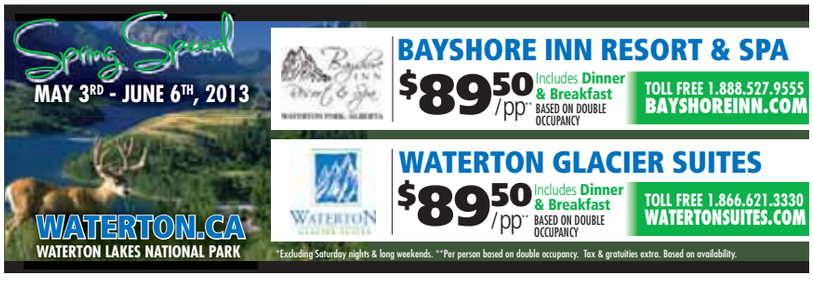

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